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**1919**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE TOWN OF**  
**BENNINGTON**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**ANNUAL REPORTS**

OF THE

**TOWN OFFICERS**

OF

**Bennington, N. H.,**

FOR THE

**FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31**

**1919**

**ALSO VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1918**

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ANTRIM, N. H.:

H. WEBSTER ELDREDGE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER

1919





## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for Memorial Day.
4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to secure hydrant service.
5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$100.00 for the suppression of the Gypsy Moth.
6. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways.
7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for lighting the streets with electricity.
8. To see what action the town will take with regard to State Aid maintenance of same and Trunk Line maintenance.
9. To see if the town will vote to accept legacies and gifts given to the town in trust by different individuals, the income to be used in the care of cemetery lots.
10. To see what action the town will take in regard to erecting a suitable railing along the Antrim road and raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the same.

11. To see what action the town will take in regard to recovering sidewalks and raise and appropriate money for the same.

12. To see if the town will appropriate \$125.00 for the control of the White Pine Blister.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing and erecting a permanent Honor Roll, in honor of the boys of the town who have served in the World War, and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty second day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nineteen.

CHAS. M. TAYLOR	}	Selectmen
HERBERT A. EATON		of
JAMES H. BALCH		Bennington

## **Town Officers**

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### Selectmen

CHARLES M. TAYLOR  
HERBERT A. EATON  
JAMES H. BALCH

### Town Clerk

ARTHUR F. BELL

### Town Treasurer

ARTHUR F. BELL

### Road Agent

CALVIN S. BROWN

### Overseer of Poor

HENRY W. WILSON

### Tax Collector

EDWARD R. KEESER

### Moderator

GEORGE E. EDWARDS

### Supervisors

HENRY W. WILSON  
GEO. E. MESSER  
WILLIAM J. GORMAN

### Auditors

WILLIAM J. GORMAN  
GEORGE E. EDWARDS

### Ballot Inspectors

EDWARD R. KEESER  
GEOGRE H. KING  
JAMES J. GRISWOLD  
FRANK J. NEWTON

## Library Trustees

FRANK G. TRAXLER  
ALLAN GERRARD  
HENRY W. WILSON

## Constable

RALPH E. MESSER

## Health Officer

HENRY W. WILSON

## Trustees of Trust Funds

ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
GEORGE B. GRISWOLD  
HENRY W. WILSON

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED A. KNIGHT

## Sexton

FRANK A. TAYLOR

## Janitor Town Hall

EDWARD R. KEESER

## Fire Wards

JOHN A. EATON  
GEORGE B. GRISWOLD  
HARRY W. BROWN

## Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

FRED C. STARRETT  
ROBERT KNOWLES  
GEO. H. KING

## Forest Fire Warden

HENRY W. WILSON



## INVENTORY OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Assessed on the first day of April, 1918.

188 polls at \$2.00 each	
Land and buildings	\$288,500 00
64 horses	8,435 00
2 mules	250 00
6 oxen	750 00
149 cows	12,570 00
18 neat stock	1,325 00
29 sheep	209 00
10 hogs	305 00
75 fowls	75 00
27 vehicles	14,575 00
2 portable mills	200 00
Wood and lumber	2,050 00
Stock in public funds	280 00
Bank stock	200 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit	18,612 00
Stock in trade	190,376 00
Aqueducts	20,000 00
Mills and machinery	288,150 00
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Total valuation	\$846,862 00
 Amount of taxes given collector	 \$12,570 81

Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes, \$1.44 on \$100.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Uncollected, Keeser's list, 1917	\$4 00
Amount given E. R. Keeser, 1918	12,570 81
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	\$12,574 81

Paid treasurer, E. R. Keeser's list, 1918	\$12,403 37
Paid treasurer, E. R. Keeser's list, 1917	4 00
Paid elsewhere and abated	7 60
Uncollected, Keeser's list, 1918	159 84
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	\$12,574 81

## Abatements, Keeser's list, 1918

Geo. E. Cheney, paid in Springfield, Mass.	\$2 00
Geo. B. Griswold, paid in Hancock, N. H.	3 60
Byron C. Lyons, paid in Hillsboro, N. H.	2 00
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	\$7 60

## BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

Cash in hands of town treasurer	\$2476 98
Accounts due the town	
Due from state	
Joint highway accounts:	
Trunk line maintenance	\$42 39
State aid maintenance	178 52
State aid construction	333 86
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	\$554 77
Other bills due Town	
State Treasurer, bounties	4 00
Taxes not collected	
Levy of 1918	159 84
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Total Assets	\$3195 59
Surplus January 31, 1918	\$524 99
Surplus January 31, 1919	589 24
Decrease of debt, of surplus	\$64 25

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to School District	
Dog licenses	\$90 00
Literary fund	74 75
State and town joint highway accounts	
Unexpended balances in state treasury	554 77
Unexpended balance in town treasury	886 83
Trunk line maintenance	\$4 07
State aid maintenance	48 14
State aid construction	834 62
Outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	1000 00
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Total liabilities	\$2606 35
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	589 24
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Grand total	\$3195 59

# RECEIPTS

## Current Revenue:

Amount committed to collector, 1918	\$12,570	81
Less discounts and abatements, 1918	7	60
Less uncollected, 1918	159	84
1. Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected	\$12403	37
Property and poll taxes, previous year, actually collected		4 00
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	\$12407	37

## From State:

3. For highways		
(a) For state aid maintenance	\$215	87
(b) For state aid construction	200	41
(c) For trunk line maintenance	386	50
4. Insurance tax		6 75
5. Railroad tax	150	57
6. Savings bank tax	1073	38
8. Literary fund	74	75
10. Liquor licenses		6 38
11. Fighting forest fires		1 70
12. Bounties		3 60

## From County:

13. For support of poor	167	87
14. For aid furnished soldiers	110	85

## From Local Sources Except Taxes:

15. Dog licenses	90	00
16. Business licenses and permits	20	00
17. Fines and forfeits, municipal court	1	00
18. Rent of town hall	242	15

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$15159	15
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## Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

35. Filing for representatives	\$4	00
Junk 8.18 Cement 6.00 Lumber 94.00	108	18
Coal furnished schools	150	87
Rent from Engine Hall	14	13
C. S. Brown, for money advanced on state road	160	51

Total Receipts other than Current Revenue	\$437	69
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$15596	84
Cash on hand at beginning of year	3387	90

Grand Total	\$18984	74
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## PAYMENTS

## Current Maintenance Expenses

## General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$540 03
2. Town officers' expenses	129 66
3. Election and registration expenses	106 88
5. Expenses town hall and other buildngs	661 20

## Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police dept , including care of tramps	140 88
7. Fire dept., including forest fires	377 05
8. Moth extermination	22 30
9. Bounties	4 00

## Health:

11. Health dept., including hospitals	93 89
12. Vital statistics	7 55

## Highways and Bridges:

14. State aid maintenance	616 37
15. Trunk line maintenance	840 75
16. Town maintenance	1176 67
17. Street lighting and sprinkling	191 35
18. General expenses of highway dept., including watering troughs	34 22

## Libraries:

19. Libraries	200 00
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## Charities:

21. County poor	167 87
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## Patriotic Purposes:

23. Aid to soldiers and their families	110 85
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## Public Service Enterprises:

26. Markets and public scales	161 82
27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	20 00

## Unclassified:

30. Town Clock, 30.26; Railing, 118.00	148 26
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$5751 60
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## Interest:

32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$100 00	
Total Interest Payments		\$100 00

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent  
Improvements:

36.	Highways and bridges—State aid construction	\$855 64
43.	New equipment, heating job, town hall	551 86

Total Outlay Payments	\$1407 50
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Indebtedness:

44.	Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$1500 00
	Total Indebtedness Payments	\$1500 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

50.	Taxes paid to State	\$1528 00
51.	Taxes paid to County	1537 26
53.	Payments to School Districts	4683 40

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$7748 66
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$16507 76
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Cash on hand at end of year	2476 98
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Grand Total	\$18984 74
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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town house	\$10000 00
Furniture and equipment	300 00
G. E. P. Dodge Library	5000 00
Furniture and equipment	500 00
Property Police Dept., lobby	400 00
Fire Department, engine house	800 00
Hand engine, hose cart and hose	500 00
Highway Dept., store house and equipment	500 00
Total valuation	\$18000 00

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

## General Government

## Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

Henry George, auditor 3 years	\$8 00
Wm. J. Gorman, auditor 1 year	3 00
Edw. R. Keeser, tax collector	124 03
Jas. H. Balch, selectman	70 00
Herbert A. Eaton, selectman	70 00
Chas. M. Taylor, selectman	125 00
Arthur F. Bell, town clerk	50 00
Arthur F. Bell, treasurer	75 00
Henry W. Wilson, overseer of poor	15 00

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 \$540 03

## Detail 2 Town Officers' Expenses

Edson C. Eastman Co., warrants	\$ 35
Herbert A. Eaton, postage and supplies	4 00
Pinqueham Press. printing	3 87
H. W. Eldredge, town reports	52 50
E. C. Eastman Co., tax books	4 56
H. W. Wilson, trustee bonds	7 20
E. C. Eastman Co., town seal	2 75
Thomas Groom Co., enrollment book	3 50
A. F. Bell, postage and stationery	5 00
E. R. Keeser, postage	7 47
C. M. Taylor, postage and supplies	6 44
H. A. Eaton, attending tax assessors meeting	15 95
Jas. H. Balch, attending tax assessors meeting	13 95
H. W. Wilson, overseer poor expenses	2 12

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 \$129 66

## Detail 3. Election and Registration Expenses

Edw. R. Keeser, ballot inspector	\$2 00
Congregational Church, dinners	2 00
Antrim Reporter, check lists	12 00
Frank Newton, ballot inspector	6 00
Fred A. Knight, lunch	2 56
E. C. Eastman Co., warrants	32
Maude Wisell, dinners	9 00
Geo. H. King, ballot inspector	6 00
Edw. R. Keeser, ballot inspector	6 00
H. W. Wilson, supervisor	16 00
Jas. H. Balch, supervisor	4 00

C. H. Philbrick, supervisor	12 00
Geo. Edwards, moderator	9 00
Jas. Griswold, ballot inspector	4 00
Geo. Messer, supervisor	16 00

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\$106 88

Detail 5. Expenses Town Hall

Edw. R. Keeser, care hall	\$128 20
Antrim-Ben. E. L. & Pr. Co., lights	51 94
H. W. Wilson, insurance	105 00
C. M. Taylor, internal revenue	12 50
Jas. A. Elliott, coal	301 74
Wm F. Harrington, wood	22 00
Fred A. Knight, supplies	12 82
Herbert Wilson, sawing wood	2 00
Bennington Water Works Co, water	25 00

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\$661 20

Protection of Persons and Property

Detail 6. Police Department, including care of tramps

H. W. Wilson, insurance on lobby	\$6 60
Edw. R. Keeser, Lucier and Harmon cases	15 00
Wm. F. Harrington, Lucier and Harmon cases	15 00
Ralph E. Messer, Lucier and Harmon cases	23 25
Ralph E Messer, John Anderson case	10 00
Edw. R Keeser, police duty	13 00
Fred A. Knight, supplies	57
Harry Dunbar, police duty	13 00
R. E. Messer, police duty and supplies	16 80
W. F. Harrington, police duty	14 54
F. A. Knight, feeding tramps	4 12
A.-B. El. Lt. & Pr. Co., lights lobby	9 00

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\$140 88

Detail 7. Fire Department

H. W. Wilson, forest fires	\$3 40
Bennington W. Wks. Co., hydrant service	250 00
Herbert Curtis, forest fire	9 65
Willie McCoy, labor on reservoir	3 15
Goodell Co., lumber for reservoir	19 16
W. F. Harrington, wood	11 00
H. W. Wilson, insurance	19 94



Herbert Wilson, sawing wood	1 25	
Pat Shea, care engine	25 00	
John Harmon, payroll	34 50	
	<hr/>	\$377 05
Detail 8. Moth Extermination		
C. S. Brown, spraying	\$5 50	
F. A. Taylor, spraying	16 80	
	<hr/>	\$22 30
Detail 9. Bounties		
C. M. Taylor, hedgehogs	\$4 00	
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Health Department		
Detail 11.		
Mrs McDonald, nurse at Mallett's	\$27 92	
A. Perley Fitch Co., formaldehyde	4 65	
F. A. Knight, supplies Malletts	11 71	
Antrim Pharmacy, disinfectant Mallett's	4 30	
Ezra M. Smith, legal services	20 00	
H. W. Wilson, Health officer and expenses	25 31	
	<hr/>	\$93 89
Detail 12. Vital Statistics		
A. F. Bell, vital statistics	\$4 80	
E. G. Dearborn, M. D., returning births and deaths	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$7 55
Highways and Bridges		
Detail 14. State Aid Maintenance		
Moses Fournier, patrolman	\$252 54	
Frank Cross, labor	363 83	
	<hr/>	\$616 37
Detail 15. Trunk Line Maintenance		
Moses Fournier, patrolman	\$423 40	
Minnie Gordon, census	80 00	
Frank Cross, labor	318 34	

Geo. Joslin, gravel screen	6 66	
Herbert Fogg, painting	12 35	
	<hr/>	\$840 75
Detail 16. Town Maintenance		
C. S. Brown, road agent		\$1176 67
Detail 17. Street Lighting		
A.-B. El. Lt. & Pr. Co., street lights		\$191 35
Detail 18. General Expenses highway and watering troughs		
C. S. Brown, road agent		\$34 22
Libraries		
Detail 19.		
H. W. Wilson, appropriation		\$200 00
Detail 21. Charities		
H. W. Wilson, amount received from County		\$167 87
Patriotic Purposes		
Detail 23. Aid to Soldiers		
H. W. Wilson, amount received from County		\$110 85
Public Service Enterprises		
Detail 26. Scales		
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	\$1 58	
Wm. P. Harrington, labor	58	
W. H. McCoy, labor	16 65	
Goodell Co., lumber	22 03	
Goodell Co., material	25	
Fairbanks Co., labor	120 73	
	<hr/>	\$161 82
Detail 27. Cemeteries		
Bennington W. Wks. Co, water		\$20 00
Unclassified		
Detail 30. Town Clock		
E. Howard Clock Co., repairs	\$15 26	
Allan Gerrard, care clock	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 26

## Detail 31. Railing

Goodell Co., lumber	\$118 00
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## Interest

## Detail 32.

Edward I. Dodge, interest on note No. 27	\$24 00
C. H. Philbrick, interest on note No. 28	16 00
C. E. Eaton est., interest on notes No 31 and 32	60 00
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	\$100 00

## New Construction and Permanent Improvements

## Detail 36. State Aid Construction

C. S. Brown, labor and material	\$838 85
Herbert D. Fogg, painting	16 79
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	\$855 64

## Detail 43. Heating town hall

Geo. Hunt, labor and material	\$551 86
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## Indebtedness

## Detail 44. Payments on loans

C. E. Eaton estate, notes 31 and 32	\$1500 00
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## Payments to other Governmental Divisions

## Detail 50. Taxes paid State

John W. Plummer, Treasurer	\$1528 00
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## Detail 51. Taxes paid County

Albert H. White, Treasurer	\$1537 26
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## Detail 53.      Payments School District

Margaret J. Taylor, Treasurer	\$4595 00
Margaret J. Taylor, Dog Tax	88 40
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	\$4683 40
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Total payments	\$16507 76

ARTHUR F. BELL, Treasurer

CHARLES M. TAYLOR

HERBERT A. EATON

JAMES H. BALCH

Selectmen of Bennington

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We have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector and Road Agent and find them correct and all disbursements properly vouched.

The accounts have been arranged in accordance with the uniform classification of the Tax Commission.

WM. J. GORMAN

GEO. E. EDWARDS

Auditors

## TOWN HALL REPORT

	Received For Rent	Received For Care
February		\$1 25
February	\$3 00	5 90
March	15 00	15 00
April	12 00	10 00
May	24 00	10 10
June	27 00	11 00
July	21 00	7 50
August	27 00	12 10
September	24 00	11 00
October	3 00	1 75
November	27 00	12 80
December	24 00	13 90
January	28 00	15 90
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	\$235 00	\$128 20

EDW. R. KEESER, Janitor

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT. Dogs Licensed

3 Females	at \$5 00 each	\$15 00
39 Males	at 2.00 each	78 00
3 Spayed Females	at 2.00 each	6.00
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		\$99.00
Less Clerk's Fees		9.00
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Paid Town Treasurer		\$90.00

ARTHUR F. BELL, Clerk

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

February, 1918

### Breaking Roads

C. S. Brown, 3 days, 4 hours	\$9 47
J. H. Balch bill	10 30
G. Lewis Dodge bill	5 40
Geo. King, 1 day, 6 hours	3 75
Gust. Dodge, 3 days	6 75
Floyd Livingstone, 2 days, 5 hours	5 75
John Smiley, 3 days	6 75
Geo. Quimby, 2 hours	50
Wm. Harrington, 5 days	11 25

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\$59 92

March

### Breaking Roads

John Smiley, 4 hours	\$1 00
F. A. Taylor, scraping and sanding walks	12 17
F. A. Taylor, team on roller	22 29
Geo. Quimby, 7 hours	1 75
Joe Diamond, team 4½ hours	3 00
J. D. Weston, team 4½ hours	3 00
C. S. Brown, 5 hours	1 53
Floyd Livingstone, 4 hours	1 00
J. H. Balch bill	2 10
G. M. Brown, 1 day, 2 hours	2 75
F. H. Colby, team 1 day	6 00
James A. Elliott, team 1½ days	9 00

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\$65 59

A. J. Pierce, plow	8 33
H. W. Wilson, insurance tool house	6 60

April

C. S. Brown, 1 day, 3 hours	\$4 33
G. M. Brown, 7 hours	2 14
Geo. Quimby, 1 day	2 75

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\$9 22



## May

C. S. Brown, 13 days, 3 hours	\$43 33
Gilman Foote, 11 days, 7 hours	32 38
Frank Green, 3 days, 3 hours	8 16
John Smiley, 7 days, 4 hours	20 47
Herbert Wilson, team 6 days, 8 hours	41 33
G. M. Brown, 8 days, 8 hours	24 44
Wm. Harrington, 4 days, 4 hours	12 22

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\$182 33  
1 60

Goodell Co. bill

## June

C. S. Brown, 23 days, 5 hours	\$76 54
G. M. Brown, 15 days	41 25
Gilman Foote, 18 days	49 50
Herbert Wilson, team 20 days	120 00
John Smiley, 15 days, 1 hour	41 55
Wm. Harrington, 10 days	27 50
F. A. Taylor, team 5 days	30 00
A. C. Wiseil, smithwork	50
J. J. Griswold, gravel	3 90

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\$390 74

Ant. Ben. Light Co., globes	2 25
Ames Plow Co.	2 88
G. O. Joslin bill	35 15
Geo Quimby, settlement for injuries	85 25

## July

C. S. Brown, 5 days, 5 hours	\$18 05
G. M. Brown, 4 days, 5 hours	12 51
F. A. Taylor, team 4 hours	2 66
B. D. Brown, 2 teams	3 00

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\$36 22  
30

Goodell Co. bill

## August

C. S. Brown, 4 days, 1 hour	\$13 36
G. M. Brown, 3 days, 3 hours	9 17
John Smiley, 2 days, 4 hours	6 72
F. A. Taylor, team 2 days, 4 hours	14 67

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\$43 92  
39 00  
61 84

Goodell Co., railing

Town of Antrim, planking bridge

## September

C S. Brown, 4 days, 2 hours	\$13 73
G. M. Brown, 2 days, 4 hours	6 72
Gilman Foote, 1 day, 1 hour	3 06
John Smiley, 2 days, 8 hours	7 94
F. A. Taylor, team 2 days, 5 hours	13 81
Floyd Livingstone, 5 hours	1 53
Herbert Wilson, team 5 hours	3 33
Ben Messer, 5 hours	1 81

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\$51 93  
44

Chas. Taylor, express

## November

C. S. Brown, 6 days, 2 hours	\$20 21
Wm. Harrington, 1 day, 3 hours	3 67
G. M. Brown, 2 days, 4 hours	6 54
F. A. Taylor, team, no man 2 days	6 50
Gilman Foote, 7 hours	2 14
Brad. Brown, 2 teams	1 00
John Smiley, 1 day	2 75
Ed. Joslin, 7½ hours	2 29

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\$45 10

## January

## Breaking Roads

G. M. Brown, 2 days, 7 hours	\$7 64
F. A. Taylor, scraping and sanding walks	13 50
F. A. Taylor, snowing bridge	3 50
J. R. Colby bill	26 00

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\$50 64

## Miscellaneous Bills

F. A. Knight bill, hoes	3 75
G. O. Joslin bill, spikes	54
C. J. Green, smithwork	2 85
E. J. Wilson, steel for drills	1 50
Herbert Curtis, work on road	10 20
W. C. Starrett, water rent	10 00
F. A. Knight, supplies	2 56
A. F. Bell, explosive license	25

## REPORT OF SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For year ending January 1, 1919

## Dr.

1918

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1918	\$28 75	
May 15 Received from Town Trustees	114 38	
	<hr/>	\$143 13

## Cr.

1918

April 27 Paid H. J. French for sheep guanno	\$9 50	
May 7 Paid B. & M. R. R. Freight on above	96	
May 14 Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	23 30	
May 28 Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	4 13	
May 29 Paid John F. Smiley, labor	1 25	
June 5 Paid B. D. Brown, 2 days with team	8 25	
June 11 Paid Goodell Co, grinding lawn mower	50	
July 1 Paid Wm P. Harrington, labor	8 29	
Sept. 23 Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	12 06	
Oct. 26 Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	1 50	

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Jan. 31 Paid H. W. Wilson, labor and care of cemetery	5 00	
Jan. 31 Paid R. S. Cram, Trustee	5 00	

Total	<hr/>	\$79 74
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Total Receipts	\$143 13
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Total Disbursements	79 74
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Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1919	<hr/>	\$63 39
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R. S. CRAM, Sec.  
S. W. KNIGHT  
H. W. WILSON

Trustees

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1919

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## Dr.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1918	\$32 24	
March 23, Bradford D. Brown, lot No. 33	5 00	
July 10, Sarah B. Burt, lot No. 13	5 00	
Oct. 10, Mrs. Marcia Cosman, lot. No. 51	5 00	
Oct. 10, Ernest N. Goodwin, 1 grave in lot No. 124	1 00	
Nov. 14, George E. Lewis, lot No. 165	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$53 24

## Cr.

May Paid Harrison B. Wilson, team cleaning cemetery	\$6 00	
May Paid W. P. Harrington, 6 days cleaning cemetery	17 00	
May Paid John T. Day, 1½ day	4 13	
Dec. 7 Paid W. C. Starrett, putting on and shutting off water	1 75	
Cash on hand February 1, 1919	24 36	
	<hr/>	\$53 24

C. H. PHILBRICK

H. A. EATON

J. J. GRISWOLD

Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery

Approved Feb. 17, 1919

W. J. GORMAN

GEO. E. EDWARDS

Auditors

## G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

There are seventy five taking out books. There have been added forty-three books; by gift, forty, and by purchase, three. We now have 2979 books on the shelves. We have a number of books that are worn out and will have to be replaced the coming year. We have taken ten magazines the past year. Books have been received from the following persons:

Carnegie Endowment Fund	1
Mrs. Emmeline Foster	40,

in memory of her late husband, Captain Charles Foster. Magazines have been received from Mrs. John D. Weston and Mrs. Eleanor Richardson.

We are also very grateful to Mrs. Willard S. Carlin for the crayon portrait of her late husband. Willard S. Carlin, also to Mrs. Eleanor Richardson for the discharge papers for her father, Daniel Bartlett and her brother, George Bartlett.

Submitted,

HENRY W. WILSON  
ALLAN GERRARD  
FRANK G. TRAXLER  
Trustees

Henry W. Wilson, Treasurer. in account with  
G. E. P. Dodge Library

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1918	\$336 37
Received from Town Treasurer	200 00
Received from Emma Bartlett	1 05
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	\$537 42
Paid Insurance for 3 years	\$113 50
Wood, sawing and putting in	37 50
Electric lights	16 44
Books	18 00
Express	91
Magazines	4 00

Emma Bartlett, Librarian	50 00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1919	297 07
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	\$537 42

Submitted,

HENRY W. WILSON,  
Treasurer

Approved

W. J. GORMAN,  
Auditor

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DEPARTMENT OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Bills Paid for Hillsborough County from Jan. 1, 1918 to  
Jan. 1, 1919

## Dependent Poor

Paid Willard Manning, rent, Mrs. P. Cody	\$80 00
Mrs. Ida Atwood, board, Otto Manley	24 00
H. W. Wilson, carrying Miss S. E. Dane	8 80
W. F. Harrington, board	4 00
Arthur Harrison, sitting up with Geo. Dane	5 00
Harry Sargent, sitting up with Geo. Dane	2 40
W. E. Cram, goods, Geo. T. Dane	18 67
Martha J. Baldwin, rent, Geo. T. Dane	14 00
F. J. Aiken, undertaker for Geo. T. Dane	38 00

## Dependent Soldiers

Paid W. F. Harrington, board, Mrs. Jane S Upton	\$129 42
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Submitted,

HENRY W. WILSON,  
Overseer of the Poor



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

Margaret J. Taylor, Treasurer

From Jan 31, 1918 to Sept. 1, 1918

According to the rule of the state all school reports should be from Sept. 1 of one year to Aug. 31 of the following, so as to make a uniform report throughout the state, and it has to be sent in to them on the first of September: this report to be read in the town or school meeting.

As you have my report up to Jan. 31, 1918. will give a report from that time to Aug. 31, 1918, or six months of school. The next report handed in will be from Sept. 1, 1918, to Aug. 31, 1919, making state and town report correspond.

Amount on hand Feb. 1, 1918	\$626 75
Bernice Robertson's tuition	7 50
Fred Scott's tuition	2 00
Dog tax	88 40
From Arthur F. Bell, Town Treas.	1000 00
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	\$1724 65

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Paid teachers, 19 weeks	
Miss Lulu M. Cilley	\$228 00
Miss Mae Cashion	266 00
Miss Florence Center	266 00
Miss Gertrude Van Dommele (music)	58 36
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	\$818 36

Books and supplies	
J. L. Hammett Co.	\$34 33
Edward Babb Co.	2 14
American Book Co.	5 76
Little, Brown Co.	9 66
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	\$51 89

Care of Schools	
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wilson	\$98 75
Edward Keeser	32 57
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	\$131 32

Fuel	
Harrison B. Wilson, wood	\$25 40

Town of Bennington, coal	150 87	
	<hr/>	\$176 27
Transportation		
Herbert Curtis, to Antrim		\$113 25
Tuitions		
Milford High School	\$82 50	
Antrim High School	178 38	
Antrim Lower Grades	20 70	
	<hr/>	\$281 58
Janitor's Supplies		
George O. Joslin, toilet paper	\$ 60	
Fred A. Knight	1 63	
George O. Joslin, toilet paper	25	
Fred A. Knight	3 65	
Elizabeth H. Wilson, cleaning, etc.	2 11	
	<hr/>	\$8 24

## MISCELLANEOUS

Harrison B. Wilson, shoveling snow	\$3 07	
Margaret Taylor, postage	50	
George H. King, carpenter	10 57	
George Hunt, labor on closet	1 50	
Henry Wilson, insurance	2 40	
Charles Bartlett, setting glass	1 60	
Stationery, receipt book and postage	1 07	
George E. Edwards, labor on wood	2 00	
Herbert Wilson, sawing wood	5 00	
George Hunt, repairs on G. S. stove	16 75	
	<hr/>	\$44 46
Total receipts	\$1724 65	
Disbursements	1625 37	
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Balance		\$99 28

Sept. 1, 1918

MARGARET J. TAYLOR,  
Treasurer of School District

Approved Feb. 7, 1919

W. J. GORMAN  
H. W. WILSON  
Auditors

# FIREWARD'S REPORT

Year ending January 31, 1919

Merrimac engine No. 1, in good condition.

Hose wagon, excellent condition.

On hand: 800 ft.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose, good condition; 400 ft.  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. hose, good condition; 200 ft.  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. hose, poor condition; 1 Babcock fire extinguisher, very poor condition.

Ladders in good condition: 1 24 ft., 1 22 ft., 1 20 ft.

11 rubber coats in good condition.

4 lanterns, 6 pails.

1 fire at A. J. Pierce's.

1 fire at Clinton.

1 fire at Quinn's.

The department is in very good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. GRISWOLD

HARRY BROWN

Firewards

# Report of Trust Funds of Town of Bennington, February 1, 1919

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund and Donor	How Funds are Invested As required by Chapter 162, Laws of 1915	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Income during Year	Expended during Year
May 1916	Abram Ramsey Cemetery fund	Manchesters Savings Bank	\$300 00	All at 4%	\$12 35	\$12 35
May 1916	Abram Ramsey "	"	300 00		12 35	12 35
Dec. 1906	G. A. Whittemore "	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00		12 09	12 09
Feb. 1905	Anna M. Woodbury "	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00			
Mch. 1906	Helen P. Ramsey "	"	200 00			
July 1913	Geo. L. Herrick "	"	200 00			
Mch. 1914	Mrs. A. D. Green "	"	200 00			
Mch. 1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney "	"	200 00			
Apr. 1914	Abram Ramsey "	"	1766 16		56 72	56 72
Jan. 1915	C. J. Kimball "	"	150 00		6 14	6 14
Jan. 1916	Willard S. Carkin "	"	332 20		13 40	13 40
Feb. 1917	Augustus W. Gray "	"	100 00		1 33	1 33
Sep. 1918	W. H. Darrah "	"	50 00			
Jan. 1919	Clara R. Whittemore "	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00			

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Bennington, N. H., Feb. 12, 1919

W. J. GORMAN }  
G. E. EDWARDS }  
Auditors

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF**  
**BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the**  
**Ensuing Year, Jan. 31, 1919, to Jan. 31, 1920**

**Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures**  
**of the Previous Year,**  
**Jan. 31, 1918, to Jan. 31, 1919**

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1918	Estimated Rev. Ensuing Year 1919	Increase	Decrease
<b>FROM STATE:</b>				
Insurance Tax	6.75	6 75		
Railroad Tax	150 57	150.57		
Savings Bank Tax	1073.38	1073.38		
Liquor Licenses	6 38			6.38
For Fighting Forest Fires	1.70	10.00	8 30	
For Highways				
(a) For state aid mnten	215.87	350 00	134.13	
(b) For trunk line mnten	386.50	542 00	115.50	
Bounties	3.60	4.00	.40	
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>				
<b>EXCEPT TAXES:</b>				
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses	20.00	20.00		
Fines and Forfeits	1.00	20 00	19.00	
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	242.15	350.15	108.00	
Rent of Engine Hall	14 13	14.13		
Filing for representative	4.00			4.00
Junk 8.18, Cement 6.00, Lumber 94.00	108.18	30.00		78.00
Coal furnished schools	150 87	150 87		
C. S. Brown, for money advanced on state road	160.51			160.51
<b>FROM POLL TAXES:</b>	380.00	380.00		
Revenue Applicable only to New Const and Impvts:				
From State:				
(a) For St Aid Hgwy Cnst	200.41	897.60	697.19	
Revenue which must be pd to other Govmtl Div:				
Dog Licenses	90.00	90.00		
Literary Fund	74.75			74.75
County for support of Poor and Soldiers	278.72	278.72		
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT</b>				
PROPERTY TAXES:	3569.47	4341.17		791.70
Amt Raisd by Prty Taxes:	12027.37	11730.47		
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>15596.84</b>	<b>15771.64</b>	<b>174.80</b>	



Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1918	Estimated Expdt Ensu'g Year 1919	Increase	Decrease
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>				
<b>General Government:</b>				
Town Officers' Salaries	540 03	540.03		
Town Officers' Expenses	129.66	129.66		
Election and Registrn Exp	106 88	20 00		86.88
Care and Sup. Town Hall	661 20	661.20		
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>				
<b>Police Dept., including care tramps</b>				
	140.88	140.88		
Fire Department	377.05	377.05		
Moth Extermination	22 30	22.30		
<b>Health:</b>				
Health Department	93.89	93.89		
Vital Statistics	7.55	7 55		
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>				
State Aid Maintenance				
{ State's Contribution	215.87	350.00	134.13	
{ Town's Contribution	400.50	223.14		137.36
<b>Trunk Line Maintenance</b>				
{ State's Contribution	386 50	542.39	155 89	
{ Town's Contribution	454 25	504.07	49 82	
Town Maintenance	1176.67	1176.67		
Street Lighting	191.35	191.35		
General Exp hwy dept	34 22	34.22		
<b>Education:</b>				
Libraries	200 00	200.00		
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>				
Soldiers' Aid and G. A. R. Halls—Honor Roll		300.00	300.00	
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>				
Cemeteries	20.00	20.00		
Town Clock	30.26	30.26		
Railing 118.00, Scales 161 82	279.82	118 00		161.82
<b>INTEREST:</b>				
On Temporary Loans	100.00	40.00		60.00
<b>Outlay for New Cnstrn and Permanent Improvements:</b>				
Heating Job, Town Hall	551 86			551.86
<b>State Aid Construction</b>				
{ State's Contribution	200.41	902.04	701.63	
{ Town's Contribution	655.23	1903.21	1247.98	

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1918	Estimated Expdt Ensuing Year 1919	Increase	Decrease
Indebtedness:				
Payments on Prin of Debt				
On demand	1500.00			1500.00
Payts to other Govmtl Div:				
State Taxes	1528.00	1528.00		
County Taxes	1537.26	1537.26		
Payments to School Dists	4683.40	3500.90		1093.40
To Poor and Soldiers, amt recd from County	278.72	278.72		
Bounties	4.00	4.00		
TOTAL EXPNDTRS	16507.76	15465.89		1041.87

#### EFFECT ON TAX RATE

Assessed Valuation Previous Year	\$846,862.00
Estimated Decrease in Assessed Valuation	11,862.00
Estimated Assessed Valuation Ensuing Year	\$835,000.00
Amt. Reqrd by Budget to be Raised by Prty Taxes	\$11,730.47
Tax Rate Ensuing Year per \$100 of Valuation	\$1.40

Every Appropriation of \$1000 in addition to the Estimates of this Budget will raise the Tax Rate \$.14 per \$100 Valuation.

# REPORT OF SEXTON OF TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

For Year Ending January 31, 1919

Name	Age			Died	Disease	Place of Interment
	Yrs	Mo	Ds			
William P. Cuddihy	42	9	25	February 1	Spinal Meningitis	Antrim
Charles E. Eaton	70			February 16	Cardiac Insufficiency	Bennington
Charles W. Bailey	61	1	18	April 19	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Bennington
Luke E. Burt	74	1	29	June 29	Valvular Heart Disease	Bennington
Ellen M. Cuddihy	79	3		August 28	Valvular Heart Disease	Peterboro
Nellie M. Clafin	32	4	16	September 29	Spanish Influenza	Bennington
William P. Causman	45	8	24	October 9	Influenza	Bennington
Dorothy K. Goodwin				October 10	Stillborn	Bennington
Anne L. Eaton	69	10	24	November 28	Coal Gas Poisoning	Bennington
Mary Cochran	85	7	26	November 29	Coal Gas Poisoning	Antrim
Hettieable Mitchell	87	1	14	January 6, 1919	Pneumonia	Greenfield
Augusta M. Joslin	32	2	15	January 13	Pneumonia	Greenfield
Fred S. Babcock	42			January 19	Tuberculosis	Plainville, Conn.
A. C. Wisell	35	2	11	January 21	Pneumonia	Middlebury, Vt.

Brought to Bennington for Interment

Winifred W. Brown	36	3	20	March 16	Strangulation (Homicide)	From Norfolk, Va.
Allen D. Lewis	24		8	October 15	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	From Humphrey, Va.
Mount Calvary Cemetery						
Marjorie Stearns	2	5	1	February 4	Diphtheria	Bennington
Nicholas Shea	75			May 7	Myocarditis	Bennington
Anastasia Shea	69	9	26	July 29	Apoplexy	Bennington
McGrath				July 24	Stillborn	Bennington
Tony Cuddemi	25	1		September 27	Lobar Pneumonia	Bennington
Brought Here for Interment						
Cyril Fournier	83	4	9	May 24	Edema of lungs	From Greenfield
Michael O'Malley	45			October 3	Broncho Pneumonia	From Greenfield

Respectfully submitted, FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton

# VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1918

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Living or sb.	Sex	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 16	Calvin Alexander	L	M	3	Harry Brown	M. A. Richards	Bennington	Cutler	Bennington, N. H.	Orange, Mass.
Feb. 21	Harry David	L	M	1	Harry S. Dunbar	Florence W. French		Chauffeur	New Boston, N. H.	Bennington, N. H.
May 11	Albert Charles	L	M	1	Frank B. Green	Ethel French		Laborer	So. Weare, N. H.	Greenfield, N. H.
July 24	McGrath	Sb	M	1	Wm. Augusta Cleary	Katherine McGrath		Munition Fcty	Greenfield, N. H.	Bennington, N. H.
Aug. 26	Benjamin Arthur	L	M	1	George B. Griswold	Marion Shea		Paper Mill	Bennington, N. H.	Hancock, N. H.
Sept. 12	Joseph	L	M	1	Arthur Diamond	Marguerite O'Connell		Paper Mill	Greenfield, N. H.	Ireland
Sept. 27	Adelaide Liberty	L	F	8	Wm. F. Harrington	Frances Lake		Farmer	Roxbury, Mass.	St. John, N. F.
Oct. 10	Dorothy Kathleen	Sb	F	2	Ernest Goodwin	Minnie Magoon		Laborer	Hancock, N. H.	Greenfield, N. H.

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1918

Date and Place of marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age - Years	Occupat'n of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Jan. 20	Athanasios Kounelas	Bennington	37	Mill oper.	Greece	Vasilios Kounelas	Greece	Laborer	Rev. Geo. Poulion Pastor Greek Church
Manchester	Malamati Varsami	Manchester	23		Greece	Meratsas Szakas Ethemios Varsami	Greece		
Feb. 20	Guy Hall Veino	Bennington	24	Lumber oper	Riverdale	Enos Gouma	Greece	Laborer	Rev. Bernard Copping Clergyman
Bennington	Katie Lawrence Curtis	Bennington	23	Housework	Bennington	Katherine Colback Josiah P. Curtis	M'y Hunt B'y NS Lunenburg, N.S. Dorchester, Mass	Laborer	
Oct. 27	Frank W. Arlin	Bennington	38	Teamster	Northfld Mass	Cora Alice Hatch James W. Arlin	Antrim Northfield, Mass.	Teamster	Rev. Bernard Copping Clergyman
Bennington	Hazel Atwood	Bennington	17	Housework	Hillsboro	Ethel Stanford John Atwood Ida Barnes	Brattleboro, Vt.	Housework Laborer Housework	



# Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1918

Date of death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Occupation.		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth		Cause of Death
		Years.	Months.	Days.			S.	M.			Father	Mother	
*Jan. 29	John Munhall	79	7	20	Ireland	M	W		Martin Munhall	Anastasia Clancy	Ireland	Ireland	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Feb. 1	William P. Cuddihy	42	9	15	Greenfield	M	W		Jas. W. Cuddihy	Johanna Coughlin	Ireland	Ireland	Spinal Meningitis
Feb. 4	Marjorie Stearns	2	5	1	Lynn, Mass.	F	S		Carl C. Stearns	Mary E. Mallett	Maine	Bennington	Diphtheria
Feb. 16	Charles E. Eaton	70			Bennington	M	M		William Eaton	Orthana Burt	Hillsboro	Bennington	Cardiac Insufficiency
*Mch. 16	Winifred W. Brown	36	3	20		F	M						Homicide
Apr. 19	Charles W. Bailey	61	1	18	Bennington, Vt.	M	M		Hiram Bailey	May L. Dipont	Canada	Canada	Cerebral Hemorrhage
May 7	Nicholas J. Shea	75			Ireland	M	M		John Shea	Bridget Poor	Ireland	Ireland	Nephritis
*May 24	Cyril Fournier	83	4	9	Canada	M	W		Morris Fournier	Lucy Posen	France	Canada	Edema of Lungs
June 29	Luke E. Burt	74	1	29	Greenfield	M	M		Jas. S. Burt	Hannah Robinson	Tewksbury Mass	Greenfield	Valvular Heart Dis.
June 29	Anastasia Shea	69	9	26	Boston, Mass.	F	W		Lawrence Welch	Bridget Cuddihy	Ireland	Ireland	Apoplexy
July 24	(Baby) McGrath				Bennington	F	S		William Cleary	Katherine McGrath	Greenfield	Bennington	Stillborn
July 24	Ellen M. Cuddihy	79	3		Ireland	F	S		James Cuddihy	Anna F. Welch	Ireland	Ireland	Valvular Heart Dis.
Aug. 28	Tony Cuddemi	25	1		Salem, Italy	M	S		Albert Cuddemi	Mary Pulumbo	Italy	Italy	Lobar Pneumonia
Sept. 27	Nellie M. Claffin	32	4	16	Bennington	F	M		Lyman Adams	Sarah Stack	Yarmouth N.S.	Cork, Ireland	Influenza
Sept. 29	William P. Causman	45	8	24	Wakefield, Mass.	M	M		Frederick Causman	Minnie Magoon	Hancock	Greenfield	Stillborn
Oct. 9	Dorothy K. Goodwin	45			Bennington	F	S		Ernest Goodwin				Broncho Pneumonia
*Oct. 3	Michael O'Malley, Jr.	45				M							Cerebro Spinal Men.
*Oct. 13	Allen D. Lewis	29		8		M							Coal Gas Poisoning
Nov. 28	Anne L. Eaton	69	10	24	Antrim	F	W		Ira Cochran	Clarissa Taylor	Antrim	Hillsboro	Coal Gas Poisoning
Nov. 29	Mary Cochran	85	7	26	Antrim	F	S		Ira Cochran	Clarissa Taylor	Antrim	Hillsboro	Coal Gas Poisoning
Dec. 20	Isabella A. Nichols	58	4	4	Derby	F	M		John Stowell	Clara L. Fish	Hyde Park, Vt	Derby, Vt.	Interstitial Nephritis
	Died at W. Bridgewater												

\*Brought here for burial.

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

ARTHUR F. BELL, Town Clerk







*Bank Roll  
Linton, N. H.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 1920

OF THE TOWN OF

# BENNINGTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE









**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
**OF**  
**Bennington, N. H.,**

**FOR THE**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31**

**1920**

**ALSO, VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1919**

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**ANTRIM, N. H.:**  
**H. WEBSTER ELDREDGE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER**  
**1920**



## Town Officers

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### Selectmen

JAMES J. GRISWOLD  
JAMES H. BALCH  
HERBERT A. EATON

### Town Clerk

ARTHUR F. BELL

### Town Treasurer

ARTHUR F. BELL

### Road Agent

CALVIN S. BROWN

### Overseer of Poor

HENRY W. WILSON

### Tax Collector

EDWARD R. KEESER

### Moderator

GEORGE E. EDWARDS

### Supervisors

HENRY W. WILSON  
GEO. E. MESSER  
HENRY C. BARR

### Auditors

ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
GEORGE E. EDWARDS

### Ballot Inspectors

EDWARD R. KEESER  
GEORGE H. KING  
JAMES J. GRISWOLD  
FRANK J. NEWTON

## Library Trustees

FRANK G. TRAXLER  
ALLAN GERRARD  
HENRY W. WILSON

## Constable

HARRY S. DUNBAR

## Health Officer

HENRY W. WILSON

## Trustees of Trust Funds

ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
GEORGE B. GRISWOLD  
HENRY W. WILSON

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED A. KNIGHT

## Sexton

FRANK A. TAYLOR

## Janitor Town Hall

EDWARD R. KEESER

## Fire Wards

HENRY W. WILSON  
GEORGE B. GRISWOLD  
HARRY W. BROWN

## Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

FRED C. STARRETT  
ROBERT KNOWLES  
GEORGE H. KING

## Forest Fire Warden

HENRY W. WILSON



# TOWN WARRANT

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bennington, on Tuesday, the Ninth Day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 2—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
- 3—To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for Memorial Day.
- 4—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to secure hydrant service.
- 5—To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways.
- 6—To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for lighting the streets with electricity.
- 7—To see what action the Town will take with regard to State Aid maintenance of same and Trunk Line maintenance.
- 8—To see if the Town will vote to accept legacies and gifts



given to the Town in trust by different individuals, the income to be used in the care of cemetery lots.

- 9—To see if the Town will appropriate \$125.00 for the control of the White Pine Blister.
- 10—To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing and erecting a permanent Honor Roll, in honor of the boys of the Town who have served in the World War, and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty.

JAMES J. GRISWOLD

JAMES H. BALCH

HERBERT A. EATON

Selectmen of Bennington

## INVENTORY OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Assessed on the first day of April, 1919.

198 polls at \$3.00 each	\$594.00
Land and buildings	286,200.00
79 horses	10,360.00
2 mules	250.00
122 cows	11,270.00
29 neat stock	2,420.00
16 sheep	280.00
38 hogs	730.00
118 fowls	175.00
36 vehicles	11,700.00
2 portable mills	1,300.00
Bank stock	200.00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	24,062.00
Stock in trade	251,875.00
Aqueducts	20,000.00
Mill and machinery	288,150.00
Total valuation	<hr/> \$908,972.00
Amount of taxes given collector	\$14,592.28
Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes, \$1.54 on \$100.	

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Uncollected taxes, Keeser's list, 1918	\$159.84
Amount given E. R. Keeser, 1919	14,592.28
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	\$14,752.12
 Paid Treasurer E. R. Keeser's list, 1919	 \$14,403.86
Paid Treasurer E. R. Keeser's list, 1918	159.84
Paid elsewhere and abated	19.02
Uncollected Keeser's list, 1919	169.40
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	\$14,752.12

### Abatements, Keeser's list, 1919

Frank C. Wyman, paid in Lempster, N. H.	\$3.00
Pearl J. Warren, paid in Greenfield, N. H.	3.00
John Lake	3.00
Geo. O. Joslin, automobile, paid in Antrim	4.62
Martha J. Baldwin Estate, School tax, paid in Antrim	5.40
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	\$19.02

**ASSETS****Cash**

In hands of treasurer	\$3,204.02
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**Accounts Due to the Town***Due from State:*

(b) State aid maintenance	\$281.89
(c) Trunk line maintenance	192.53
State aid construction	202.28

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\$676.70

*Taxes not collected:*

(a) Levy of 1919	169.40
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Total Assets	\$4,050.12
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**Grand Total**


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\$4,050.12

Surplus, January 31, 1919	\$589.24
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Surplus, January 31, 1920	807.30
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Increase of surplus	\$218.06
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**LIABILITIES****Accounts Owed by the Town***Due to School District:*

(a) Dog licenses	\$71.28
(c) Balance appropriation	1,135.00

*State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:*

(a) Unexpended balances in State Treasury	676.70
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(b) Unexpended balances in Town Treasury	\$359.84
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State aid maintenance	\$138.28
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Trunk line maintenance	65.87
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State aid construction	155.69
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**Outstanding Temporary Loans  
in Anticipation of Taxes**


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1,000.00

Total liabilities	\$3,242.82
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Surplus over liabilities	807.30
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**Grand Total**


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\$4,050.12

## RECEIPTS

**Current Revenue***From Local Taxes:*

Amount committed to collector, 1919	\$14,592.28
Less discounts and abatements, 1919	19.02
Less uncollected, 1919	169.40

1. Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected	\$14,403.86
2. Uncollected taxes of previous years	\$159.84
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	159.84

Total of above collections	\$14,563.70
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*From State:*

3. For highways	
(a) For State Aid maintenance	\$130.38
(b) For State Aid construction	567.92
(c) For Trunk Line maintenance	238.32
4. Insurance tax	6.75
5. Railroad tax	167.42
6. Savings bank tax	1,021.45
11. Bounties	8.20    \$2,140.44

*From County:*

12. For support of poor	71.00    \$71.00
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*From Local Sources Except Taxes:*

14. Dog licenses	71.28
15. Business licenses and permits	36.66
16. Fines and forfeits, municipal court	7.00
17. Rent of town hall	393.20
18. Interest received on taxes	4.32    \$512.46

Total receipts carried forward	\$17,287.60
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## PAYMENTS

**Current Maintenance Expenses***General Government:*

1. Town officers' salaries	\$605.54	
2. Town officers' expenses	185.10	
3. Election and registration expenses	22.00	
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	774.46	\$1,587.10

*Protection of Persons and Property:*

6. Police department, including care of tramps	92.54	
7. Fire department, including forest fires	444.51	
9. Bounties	4.20	\$541.25

*Health:*

11. Health department, including hospitals	\$95.50	
12. Vital statistics	5.40	\$100.90

*Highways and Bridges:*

14. State Aid maintenance	\$184.86	
15. Trunk Line maintenance	638.20	
16. Town maintenance	1,772.00	
17. Street lighting and sprinkling	215.98	
18. General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs	26.10	\$2,837.14

*Libraries:*

19. Libraries	200.00	200.00
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*Charities:*

20. Town poor	33.73	
21. County poor	71.00	104.73

*Patriotic Purposes:*

22. Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises and Welcome Home Celebration	521.75	521.75
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*Public Service Enterprises:*

27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	20.00	20.00
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*Unclassified:*

29. Taxes bought by town	162.36	
30. Town clock	16.25	
31. Public dump	78.88	257.49

Total expenses carried forward		\$6,170.36
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Total receipts brought forward	\$17,287.60
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### **Receipts Other than Current Revenue**

34. Rent Engine Hall	\$5.00
35. School District, for coal	140.08
36. Sale lumber	12.50

Total receipts other than current revenue	\$157.58
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Total receipts from all sources	\$17,445.18
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Cash on hand at beginning of year, February 1, 1919	2,476.98
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Grand total	\$19,922.16
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Total payments brought forward	\$6,170.36
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**Interest**

32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$40.00
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Total interest payments	\$40.00
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**Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements**

36. Highways and bridges—State construction	\$2,515.85
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Total outlay payments	\$2,515.85
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**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions**

50. Taxes paid to State	\$3,938.00
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51. Taxes paid to County	1,389.18
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53. Payments to School Districts	2,664.75
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Total payments to other governmental divisions	\$7,991.93
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Total payments for all purposes	\$16,718.14
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Cash on hand at end of year, January 31, 1920	\$3,204.02
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Grand Total	\$19,922.16
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**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**  
**DESCRIPTION**

	VALUE
1. Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$10,000.00
Furniture and equipment	300.00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	5,000.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
3. Police Department, lands and buildings	400.00
4. Fire Department, lands and buildings	800.00
Equipment	500.00
5. Highway Department, lands and buildings	300.00
Equipment	300.00
Total	\$18,100.00

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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### DETAIL NO. 1—TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

William J. Gorman, auditor	\$3.00	
Arthur F. Bell, town clerk and treasurer	150.00	
Herbert A. Eaton, selectman	110.00	
James H. Balch, selectman	112.50	
James J. Griswold, selectman	50.00	
Edward R. Keeser, tax collector	180.04	
	<hr/>	\$605.54

### DETAIL NO. 2—TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Ezra M. Smith, legal advice	\$10.00	
Chas. M. Taylor, postage	5.64	
E. R. Keeser, expense selling A. & B. E. L. & P. Co..	9.47	
H. W. Eldridge, town reports	57.30	
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	13.65	
Herbert A. Eaton, paid S. S. Wiggin, estimating lumber	14.21	
Henry W. Wilson, trust fund bond	7.20	
George W. Lincoln, telephone	9.20	
Edward R. Keeser, attending tax commissioners' meeting and postage	18.04	
James H. Balch, postage and telephone calls	10.33	
Herbert A. Eaton, attending tax commission meeting	15.61	
James H. Balch, attending tax commission meeting	14.45	
	<hr/>	\$185.10

### DETAIL NO. 3—ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSES

William J. Gorman, supervisor	\$4.00	
Henry W. Wilson, supervisor	8.00	
George E. Messer, supervisor	8.00	
George E. Edwards, moderator	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$22.00

**DETAIL NO. 5—TOWN HALL EXPENSES**

Antrim-Ben. E. L. & P. Co., lights	\$80.13	
Edward R. Keeser, care of hall		
Henry A. George, wood	7.50	
Leon Messer, putting in wood	.50	
Herbert E. Wilson, sawing wood	1.25	
Seth Jones, internal revenue	31.25	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	136.50	
F. A. Piper, tuning piano	2.50	
James A. Elliott, coal	280.16	
Edward R. Keeser, tables and settee and closet	8.25	
Goodell Co., step ladder	6.00	
Bennington Water Works Co., water	25.00	
Fred A. Knight, supplies	10.97	
Edward R. Keeser, care of hall	180.70	
Light Co., globes	3.75	
	<hr/>	\$774.46

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****DETAIL NO. 6—POLICE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING  
CARE OF TRAMPS**

Antrim-Ben. E. L. & P. Co., lights, lobby	\$9.75	
Antrim-Ben. L. & P. Co., lights, silent police	12.77	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance on lobby	6.60	
Harry S. Dunbar	27.10	
Chas. Cole, special police	6.90	
Ralph E. Messer, police duty, Eld- ridge case	11.02	
Fred A. Knight, feeding tramps	5.40	
Edward R. Keeser, police duty	13.00	
	<hr/>	\$92.54

**DETAIL NO. 7—FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Bennington Water Works, hydrant service	\$250.00	
R. E. Messer, fixing hydrant	3.00	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	18.13	
Henry W. Wilson, forest fire	76.98	

John Thornton, Antrim Fire Dept.,	38.02	
John Harmon, payroll Fire Co.,	29.00	
Patrick Cashion, alcohol and oil for engine	1.50	
State Forestry, shovels and extinguishers	27.88	
	<hr/>	\$444.51

**DETAIL NO. 9—BOUNTIES**

Herbert A. Eaton, hedgehogs	\$4.20	
	<hr/>	\$4.20

**DETAIL NO. 11—HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Guy D. Tibbetts, diphtheria cases	\$41.00	
Guy D. Tibbetts, fumigating diphtheria cases	13.46	
Antrim Pharmacy, fumigators	19.50	
E. F. Mahady Co., health officer	4.05	
Henry W. Wilson, health officer	17.49	
	<hr/>	\$95.50

**DETAIL NO. 12—VITAL STATISTICS**

A. F. Bell, recording births and deaths	5.40	
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**HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES**


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**DETAIL NO. 14—STATE AID MAINTENANCE**

Moses Fournier, patrolman	\$10.22	
Almon M. Flagg, patrolman	174.64	
	<hr/>	\$184.86

**DETAIL NO. 15—TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE**

Moses Fournier, patrolman	\$20.63	
Geo. A. Sawyer, patrolman	214.23	
Almon M. Flagg, patrolman	382.14	
James H. Balch, posts for railing	16.00	
Goodell Co., railing	5.20	
	<hr/>	\$638.20

**DETAIL NO. 16—TOWN MAINTENANCE**

Calvin S. Brown, road agent	\$1,772.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,772.00

**DETAIL NO. 17—STREET LIGHTING**

Antrim-Ben. L. & P. Co., street lights	\$215.98	
	<hr/>	\$215.98

**DETAIL NO. 18—GENERAL EXPENSES, HIGHWAYS AND WATERING TROUGHS**

Good Road Machine Co., scraper blade	\$9.50	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance, tool house	6.60	
W. C. Starrett, water for watering trough	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$26.10

**DETAIL NO. 19—LIBRARIES**

Henry W. Wilson, appropriation	\$200.00	
	<hr/>	\$200.00

**DETAIL NO. 20—TOWN POOR**

Henry W. Wilson, services and supplies	\$17.20	
Fred A. Knight, supplies	16.53	
	<hr/>	\$33.73

**DETAIL NO. 21—CHARITIES**

Henry W. Wilson, amount received from county	\$71.00	
	<hr/>	\$71.00

**DETAIL NO. 23—PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**

Welcome Home Celebration	\$521.75	
	<hr/>	\$521.75

**DETAIL NO. 27—CEMETERIES**

Bennington Water Works Co., water	\$20.00	
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**UNCLASSIFIED****DETAIL NO. 30—TOWN CLOCK**

Howard Clock Co., oil	\$1.25	
Allen Gerard	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$16.25

**DETAIL NO. 31—PUBLIC DUMP**

C. S. Brown, work on dump	\$51.88	
Wm. P. Harrington, work on dump	12.00	
John Lake, work on dump	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$78.88

**DETAIL NO. 32—TAXES**

Antrim-Ben. L. & P. Co., taxes	\$162.36	
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**DETAIL NO. 33—INTEREST**

E. I. Dodge, interest on note No. 27	\$24.00	
C. H. Philbrick, interest on note No. 28	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$40.00

**NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT****DETAIL NO. 34—STATE AID CONSTRUCTION**

C. S. Brown, labor and material	\$2,515.85	
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**PAYMENTS ON OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS****DETAIL NO. 50—TAXES PAID STATE**

John W. Plummer, treasurer	\$3,938.00	
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**DETAIL NO. 51—TAXES PAID COUNTY**

Albert H. White, treasurer	\$1,389.18	
	<hr/>	\$1,389.18

**DETAIL NO. 53- PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Margaret J. Taylor, treasurer	\$2,500.00	
Dog tax	90.00	
Literary fund	74.75	
	<hr/>	\$2,664.75
Total payments		<hr/> \$16,718.14

ARTHUR F. BELL,  
*Treasurer.*

JAMES J. GRISWOLD,  
JAMES H. BALCH,  
HERBERT A. EATON,  
*Selectmen of Bennington.*

We have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Road Agent, and find them correct and all disbursements properly vouched.

The accounts have been arranged in accordance with the uniform classification of the Tax Commission.

ARTHUR J. PIERCE,  
GEORGE E. EDWARDS,  
*Auditors.*

## TOWN HALL REPORT

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**BENNINGTON, JANUARY 31, 1920**

Edward R. Keeser's report of Town Hall:

	RECEIVED FOR RENT	RECEIVED FOR CARE
February,	\$24.00	\$13.70
March,	31.50	17.90
April,	24.50	14.50
May,	30.00	12.00
June,	34.20	13.20
July,	40.50	16.00
August,	37.50	14.00
September,	41.50	16.70
October,	27.00	9.40
November,	36.00	22.60
December,	27.00	14.80
January,	27.00	15.90
	<hr/> \$380.70	<hr/> \$180.70

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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### DOGS LICENSED

3 Females at \$5.00 each	\$15.00
4 Spayed females at \$2.00 each	8.00
25 Males at \$2.00 each	50.00
5 males (part year)	5.68
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	\$78.68
Less Clerk's fee	7.40
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$71.28

ARTHUR F. BELL, *Clerk.*

## ROAD AGENTS' REPORT

### WEEK ENDING MARCH, 1919

Mar. 15,	C. S. Brown, 2 days, 5 hours	\$8.31	
	R. D. Brown, 2 teams	2.00	
	G. M. Brown, 1 day	2.75	
		<hr/>	\$13.06
22,	C. S. Brown, 2 days, 7 hours	\$9.03	
	G. M. Brown, 1 day, 1 hour	3.06	
	Henry George and horse, 2 days	9.50	
	B. D. Brown, team	1.00	
	F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 4 hours	1.44	
		<hr/>	\$24.03
29,	C. S. Brown, 4 days, 6 hours	\$15.17	
	John Smiley, 4 days	11.00	
	G. M. Brown, 4 days, 3 hours	11.92	
	Wm. Harrington, 4 days	11.00	
	Floyd Livingstone, 3 days	8.25	
	F. A. Taylor, team 4 days, 3 hours; man 4 days	15.00	
	Joe Diemond, team 3 days	18.00	
	J. D. Weston, team 4 days	24.00	
		<hr/>	\$114.34

### APRIL

Apr. 5,	C. S. Brown, 5 days, 5 hours	\$18.06	
	John Smiley, 4 days	11.00	
	G. M. Brown, 4 days, 2 hours	11.61	
	Wm. Harrington, 4 days, 2 hours,	11.61	
	Floyd Livingstone, 4 days, 2 hours	11.61	
	F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 4 days, 2 hours	16.97	
	Joe Diemond, team 4 days	24.00	
	J. D. Weston team 4 days, 2 hours, no man 1 day	22.58	
		<hr/>	\$127.44

12.	C. S. Brown, 5 days, 7 hours	\$18.78	
	John Smiley, 4 days, 5 hours	12.53	
	Wm. Harrington, 4 days, 5 hours	12.53	
	G. M. Brown, 5 days	13.75	
	Wm. Harrington, 4 days, 5 hours	12.53	
	Floyd Livingstone, 5 days	13.75	
	F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 3 days, 5 hours	11.56	
	Joe Diamond, team 2 days	12.00	
	J. D. Weston, team 1 day	6.00	
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		\$100.90	
	Wednesday and Thursday on dump	\$28.38	
		<hr/>	\$72.52
19.	C. S. Brown, 5 days	\$16.25	
	John Smiley, 4 days	11.00	
	Geo. Brown, 4 days	11.00	
	Wm. Harrington, 4 days	11.00	
	Floyd Livingstone, 4 days	11.00	
	F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 3 days	9.75	
	Joe Diamond, team 2 days	12.00	
	J. J. Griswold, 25 loads gravel	2.50	
	Henry George Railino	7.50	
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		\$92.00	
	Saturday on dump, charged to Town Maintenance	23.50	
		<hr/>	\$68.50
26.	C. S. Brown, 5 days	\$16.25	
	John Smiley, 4 days, 6 hours	12.83	
	Geo. Brown, 4 days, 6 hours	12.83	
	Wm. Harrington, 5 days, 2 hours	14.36	
	Floyd Livingstone, 4 days, 6 hours	12.83	
	F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 4 days, 6 hours	15.17	
	Herb Wilson, team 4 days, 6		

hours	28.00
Ben Messer, 4 days, 6 hours	12.83
J. E. Vieno, 4 days, 6 hours	12.83

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 \$137.93
**MAY**

May 3, C. S. Brown, 6 days	\$19.50
John Smiley, 5 days, 8 hours	16.19
Geo. Brown, 5 days, 8 hours	16.19
Wm. Harrington, 5 days, 7 hours	15.89
Floyd Livingstone, 5 days, 8 hours	16.19
F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 5 days, 7 hours	18.78
Herb. Wilson, team 5 days, 8 hours	35.34
Ben. Messer, 5 days, 4 hours	14.97
J. E. Vieno, 2 days, 5 hours	7.03

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 \$160.08

10, C. S. Brown, 5 days	\$16.25
John Smiley, 5 days	13.75
Geo. Brown, 5 days	13.75
Wm. Harrington, 3 days	8.25
Floyd Livingstone, 5 days	13.75
F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 5 days	16.25
Herb. Wilson, team 5 days	30.00
Ben. Messer, 3 days	8.25
J. E. Vieno, 4 days	11.00
Frank Holt, 1 days	2.75
C. J. Green, smithwork	13.15

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 \$147.15

17, C. S. Brown, 5 days, 1 hour	\$16.61
John Smiley, 4 days	11.00
Geo. Brown, 4 days, 3 hours	12.07
Floyd Livingstone, 4 days	11.00
F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 4 days	13.00
Herb. Wilson, team 4 days	24.00
J. E. Vieno, 3 days	8.25
Ben. Messer, 2 days	5.50
Wm. Harrington, 1 day	2.75
J. J. Griswold, 52 loads gravel	5.20

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 \$109.38



24, C. S. Brown, 4 days, 5 hours	\$14.81	
John Smiley, 2 days	5.50	
Geo. Brown, 4 days	11.00	
Floyd Livingstone, 2 days	5.50	
F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 2 days	6.50	
Herb. Wilson, team 1 day	6.00	
Ben. Messer, 1 day	2.75	
John Harmon, team	1.00	
J. E. Vieno, 4 days	11.00	
J. H. Balch, 60 poles at 15c	9.00	
Gilmon Foote, 1 day	2.75	
	<hr/>	\$75.81

31, C. S. Brown, 2 days, 5 hours	\$8.31	
G. M. Brown, 2 days	5.50	
J. E. Vieno and horse, 2 days	8.50	
Henry George and horse, 1 day	4.25	
Gilman Foote, 6 hours	1.83	
	<hr/>	\$28.39
Goodell Co., bill, plank		46.54
Goodell Co., bill, plank		7.68

**JULY**

July 5, Herb. Wilson, team 4 hours	2.89	
Wm. Powers, 4 hours	1.33	
Frank Holt, 1 day	2.75	
	<hr/>	\$6.97

26, C. S. Brown, 1 day, 5 hours	\$5.44	
Geo. Brown, 1 day	3.00	
R. Hartwell, 1 day	3.00	
Herb. Wilson, 1 day	3.00	
John Smiley, 1 day	3.00	
Herb. Wilson, team	1.00	
John Harmon, team	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$19.44
Upton bill, lumber		206.56
Upton bill, lumber		19.50

**AUGUST**

Aug. 2, C. S. Brown, 3 days	\$10.50	
Geo. Brown, 4 days	12.00	
Floyd Livingstone, 3 days, 2 hours	9.67	

John Smiley, 3 days	9.00	
Herb. Wilson, team, 3 days, 2 hours	20.94	
	<hr/>	\$62.11
16, C. S. Brown, 2 days, 5 hours	\$8.94	
Floyd Livingstone, 2 days	6.00	
Herb. Wilson, 3 hours	1.00	
Herb. Wilson, team 2 days	13.00	
	<hr/>	\$28.94
23, C. S. Brown, 1 day, 5 hours	\$5.44	
Harry Wilson, 3 days	9.00	
Sam. Newton, 4 days	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$26.44
30, C. S. Brown, 2 days, 4 hours	\$8.56	
John Smiley, 2 days, 4 hours	7.33	
Floyd Livingstone, 4 hours	1.33	
Herb. Wilson, 2 days	13.00	
Wm. Powers, 2 days	6.00	
Sam. Newton, 1 day	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$39.22

**SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 6, C. S. Brown, 5 hours	\$1.94	
John Smiley, 5 hours	1.66	
Herb. Wilson, 5 hours	3.61	
Wm. Powers, 5 hours	1.66	
	<hr/>	\$8.87
13, C. S. Brown, 4 hours	\$1.56	
Herb. Wilson, team 4 hours	2.89	
	<hr/>	\$4.45

**NOVEMBER**

Nov. 22, Geo. Brown, 1 day	\$3.00	
Herb. Wilson, team 1 day	6.50	
Ed. Newton, 1 day	3.00	
Sam. Newton and horse	4.00	
Frank Holt, 24 hours	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$24.50

**BREAKING ROADS***January, 1920:*

G. M. Brown bill	\$4.88
F. A. Taylor	8.50
F. A. Taylor	48.41
F. A. Taylor, snowing bridge	3.00
H. E. Wilson	36.35
H. A. Curtis	11.00
James Colby	28.00
J. H. Balch	7.10
J. D. Weston	23.80

**MISCELLANEOUS BILLS**

G. O. Joslin bill	\$12.55
C. J. Green	3.50
Labor on water trough	5.06

Total amount expended	<u>\$1,772.00</u>
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**DEPARTMENT OVERSEER OF THE POOR****BILLS PAID FOR COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH**

G. O. Joslin, goods for Bennie Baldwin	\$11.20
Dr. Guy D. Tibbetts, care Bennie Baldwin	51.00
Henry W. Wilson, conveying Gilman Foote	8.80
	<u>\$71.00</u>

HENRY W. WILSON,  
*Overseer of the Poor.*

# REPORT OF SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For year ending February 1, 1920

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### DR.

1919		
Feb. 1,	Cash on hand	\$63.39
Sept. 17,	Received from Town Trustees	257.59
Dec. 20,	Received from Town Trustees	2.12
	Total	<u>\$323.10</u>

### CR.

1919		
May 26,	Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	\$15.00
June 9,	Paid H. J. French, sheep guanno	2.35
12,	Paid Boston & Maine Railroad freight	.36
30,	Paid G. O. Joslin, salt	1.70
30,	Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	12.00
Sept. 18,	Paid Fred A. Knight, paint	27.50
20,	Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	24.67
Oct. 31,	Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	2.00
Dec. 30,	Paid R. S. Cram, Trustee	5.00
1920		
Jan. 31,	Paid H. W. Wilson, labor and care of lots	5.00
	Paid H. W. Wilson, for watering lots	2.00
	Total	<u>\$97.58</u>
	Total receipts and on hand	\$323.10
	Total paid out	97.58
	Balance on hand, February 1, 1920	<u>\$225.52</u>

RUEL S. CRAM, *Sec.*  
 C. F. BURNHAM,  
 HENRY W. WILSON,  
*Trustees.*

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY

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For year ending February 1, 1920

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### DR.

Cash on Hand, February 1st, 1919	\$24.36	
Balance due Treasurer, C. H. Philbrick	4.46	
	<hr/>	\$28.82

#### CR.

May 14.	Paid W. P. Harrington, cleaning cemetery, 31½ days	\$10.67	
June 2,	Paid B. D. Brown, 1 day and team	4.00	
25.	Paid Leon Messer, 3 days	9.00	
25.	Paid Harold Eaton, team	.50	
Nov. 1,	Paid W. C. Starrett, plumbing and putting on and shutting off water	4.65	
		<hr/>	\$28.82

C. H. PHILBRICK,  
J. J. GRISWOLD,  
H. A. EATON,  
*Trustees Evergreen Cemetery.*

## TRUSTEES' REPORT OF G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

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There are eighty five persons taking out books this year. There has been added thirty-nine books this year; twenty-three by gift and sixteen by purchase. We are about to buy new books. If anyone knows of good books, will they please leave a list with the Librarian or hand it to one of the Trustees.

We wish to thank the following persons for gifts to the library, in books and magazines and other things: Mrs. Geo. A. Cochran, R. C. Goodell, Mrs. Eleanor Richardson.

ALLAN GERRARD,  
FRANK G. TRAXLER,  
HENRY W. WILSON,  
*Trustees.*

## REPORT OF HENRY W. WILSON, TREASURER OF G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

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Cash* on hand, February 1, 1919	\$297.07	
Received from Town Treasurer	200.00	
Received from Emma Bartlett, librarian	7.50	
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		\$504.57
Paid for wood, sawing and putting in	\$39.25	
Paid for electric lights and lamps	13.87	
Paid for books and magazines	30.20	
Paid for repairs	1.55	
Paid Emma Bartlett, librarian	50.00	
Cash on hand, February 1, 1920	369.70	
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		\$504.57

HENRY W. WILSON, *Treasurer.*

*Approved:*

ALLAN GERRARD,  
FRANK G. TRAXLER,  
*Trustees.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

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For the Year September 1, 1918 to August 31, 1919

### CURRENT REVENUE

Literary fund	\$74.75
Town tax for schools	3,595.00
Dog licenses	90.00
Tuitions received	7.50
Cash on hand, September 1, 1918	99.78
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	\$3,867.03

### ORDINARY CURRENT EXPENSES

Salaries of School Board	\$75.00
Salary of District Truant officer	10.00
Salary of music teacher	111.00
Teachers' salaries	1,960.00
High school tuitions	500.68
Elementary school tuitions	40.90
Text-books and supplies	129.18
Flags and appurtenances	9.25
Janitor service	245.50
Fuel	102.54
Water	25.00
Minor repairs of buildings	20.02
Medical inspection	50.00
Transportation of pupils	121.50
Insurance	9.00
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Total of expenses	\$3,435.39
General fund on hand, August 31, 1919	431.64
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	\$3,867.03

### REPORT OF REGULAR TEACHERS' SALARIES

Primary. Mae Cashion, 40 weeks	\$680.00
Intermediate. Lulu M. Cilley, 40 weeks	600.00
Grammar. Oren Decker, 40 weeks	680.00

MARGARET J. TAYLOR,  
*Treasurer.*



## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

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School year ending June, 1919

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL

First term—Phyllis Duncklee, Athaleah Edwards.

Third term—Arnold Cossette, Mary Pappas, Athaleah Edwards.

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

First term—Barbara Edwards.

Second term—Louise Traxler.

Third term—Nellie French.

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## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Required annual report of school board to district, stating amount of money needed for support of schools and for statutory requirements (see Laws of 1919, 106:21.)

1. Amount of money required by law (\$3.50 on each \$1,000 of the 1920 inventory.)

2. Statement in detail of the additional amount of money required for the support of schools, and payment of statutory obligations for the ensuing fiscal year.

1. *Budget (School Money.)*

	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	HIGH SCHOOLS
(a) For support of schools (This is school money and may be used for maintaining schools, including the purchase of fuel and other supplies, the transportation of pupils and incidental repairs, not exceeding 5% of school money.)	\$3,905.00	
(b) For purchase of textbooks and scholars' supplies	300.00	
(c) For the purchase of flags and appurtenances	25.00	

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|-----|--|------------|
| (d) | For the payment of tuitions<br>at high schools and academies | \$700.00   |
| (e) | Total amount required for<br>above items                     | \$4,930.00 |
| (f) | Estimate of amount of a<br>\$5 tax on the 1920 inventory     | \$4,544.86 |

## II. *Requirements to Meet Budget.*

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|-----|---|---------|
| (a) | For support of elementary<br>schools  | \$..... |
|     | (If the amount required for<br>elementary schools is more<br>than the amount of a \$5<br>tax—the amount of a \$5 tax<br>should be reported—other-<br>wise the amount required.) |         |
| (b) | For support of high school<br>or payment of high school<br>tuitions   | \$..... |
|     | (Ordinarily districts that<br>support a high school do not<br>pay tuitions. Both items<br>might be required.)   |         |
|     | Total for support of all<br>schools (School money)  | \$..... |

## III. *School Board Report of Assessment Required.*

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|-----|--|------------|
| (1) | For the support of schools<br>and the purchase of required<br>books, supplies and flags,<br>and the payment of high<br>school tuitions | \$4,544.86 |
|     | Estimate of \$3.50 tax on<br>1920 inventory  | \$3,181.40 |
|     | Estimate of additional<br>sum needed   | \$.....    |
| (2) | For the payment of the per<br>capita tax (statutory)   | \$228.00   |
| (3) | For the payment of debt<br>(statutory)   | \$.....    |
| (4) | For the payment of interest<br>(statutory)   | \$.....    |
| (5) | For the payment of other<br>statutory requirements (if any)  | \$85.00    |

## SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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*To the School Board of Bennington:*

Herewith is submitted for your consideration my first annual report on the condition of your schools. My term of service with you began September 1st, and this report is based on a knowledge of your schools gained since that time.

It is a pleasure at the outset to testify to the good work that has been done in your schools. The pupils, for the most part, are up to their grade, and the work appears to have been done with thoroughness.

The year opened with the same teachers as last year with the exception of the grammar room. Mr. Decker, who served so efficiently last year, secured a better paying position elsewhere. This necessitated the securing of a teacher to take his place. This was a difficult matter, owing to the scarcity of teachers, and especially for the upper grades. After a long search Miss Gertrude Smith, a graduate of the State College, was secured. She served for the fall term, and at the end of that time severed her connection with the school. Miss Edith Towle, a teacher of experience, was secured for the position, the opening of school for the winter term having been delayed two weeks. The work is now progressing favorably.

How to furnish and maintain an effective teaching force is a problem which confronts every school district in the state, and the country at large as well. The shortage of teachers has become critical, and it certainly has become incumbent upon all to consider well how the crisis can be met.

The most obvious solution of the problem is a sufficient increase in salary to make the profession attractive financially in order to attract and hold capable men and women. This remedy is being applied, and it will have to be more largely so if the desired result is obtained. Salaries will have to correspond more nearly to the importance of the work and the skill and training necessary to perform it successfully. This is inevitable. There are other minor factors such as the location of the school, the boarding place, and the conditions under which the teacher is forced to live which affects the situation.

The average pay for the teachers of Bennington at the

present time is \$22.33 per week. This, I think, compares well with other towns in the state, but the question is will it be sufficient to secure for the district next year equally effective teachers?

### ATTENDANCE

From an examination of the statistical table appended you can see the record of enrollment and attendance for the first 15 weeks of the current school year. The enrollment has been 83, with an average membership of 77.5, and an average attendance of 74.4. I wish to call your attention to the per cent of attendance, which is 96. This is a good per cent and indicates an appreciation of the importance of regular attendance on the part of the parents and pupils. The average for the state in 1918 was 91.6. It will be noted that we are considerably above that average so far this year. It is to be hoped that we can continue the good record for the remainder of the year. It is more difficult to secure regular attendance, of course, during the winter months. In the matter of tardiness we average 1.8 per pupil. This is a fairly good record, also, as an average. As will be seen from the table the schools vary greatly in this respect.

### COURSE OF STUDY

The course of study as laid out in the state program is the one followed. In addition to this certain standards of attainment for the first three grades have been established by the State Board. It is expected that these standards will be met by the end of the school year in June. These standards are more than being met by these grades in your schools, and by June they will have covered thoroughly considerably more than is indicated in the requirements of the State Board. The program for the seventh and eighth grades should be broadened somewhat, I think, and made to conform more closely to the program as outlined by the state. This would necessitate the completing of certain subjects, such as Geography, in the sixth grades, and the introduction of certain other subjects which would give a better preparation for High School work. This is a matter well worth considering for another year.

The progress of the children in school is dependent upon many factors, not the least of which is the hearty co-operation of the home and the school. This can be brought about by a thorough understanding of the methods and the ideals of each by the other. To this end it is hoped that

the parents will find more opportunity to visit school and confer with school officials regarding the work of their own individual child. In this way the ideals of the home and the school can be unified and the work of both strengthened.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. PRIOR,

Statistical Table for Fall Term, 1919, 15 Weeks

School	Teacher	Education	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Tardiness	Official Visits	Other Visits
Grammar	Gertrude Smith	NH State Col'ge	30	26	25	95	95	11	29
	*Edith M. Towle	Normal School							
Interm'd'e	*Lulu M. Cilley	Lawrence High	28	26.8	25.6	95.3	37	9	5
Primary	*Mae Cashion	KeeneNor.Sumr	25	24.7	23.8	96	7	9	5
		Total	83	77.5	74.4	96	139	29	39

\*State Certificate

**FIRE WARDS' REPORT**

Year ending January 31, 1920

Merrimac Engine, No. 1, in very good condition.

On hand: 800 ft. 2½ in. hose, good condition; 200 ft. 2¼ in. hose, poor condition; 1 Babcock fire extinguisher, very poor condition.

Ladders in good condition: 1 24-ft., 1 22-ft., 1 20-ft.

11 rubber coats, in good condition.

4 lanterns, 6 pails.

The department is in very good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. WILSON,  
HARRY BROWN,  
GEORGE B. GRISWOLD,

Firewards



# REPORT OF SEXTON OF TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

From January 31, 1919, to January 31, 1920

Name	Age			Died	Disease	Brought From	Place of Interment
	Yrs.	Mo.	Ds.				
Harry A. Knight	53	8	6	March 8	Apoplexy	Bel lows Falls, Vt.	Bennington
Ethel L. Joslin	3	6		March 14	Tubercular pneumonia		Greenfield
Donald McGrath		4	24	March 26	Acute bronchitis		Peterboro
Nellie M. Bailey	48	10	3	April 17	Chronic interstitial		Bennington
Mary J. Foote	74	6	9	May 7	Cerebral hemorrhage	Sullivan	Bennington
Eugene A. Holt	63	7	20	May 20	Pulmonary embolism	Hudson	Bennington
Sarah Maria Taylor	86	5	14	June 5	Arterio sclerosis	Needham, Mass.	Bennington
Cora A. Curtis	58	11	14	September 17	Cerebral hemorrhage		Antrim
Amanda S. Newton	80	7	5	October 10	Exhaustion		Bennington
Edward A. Joslin	62	7	5	November 5	Chronic cystiter		Greenfield
Sarah D. Darrah	89	2	12	November 16	Vraenua	Manchester	Bennington
Alfred F. Knight	79	4	17	January 1, '20	Broncho pneumonia		Marlow
Annie A. Bushfield	66	8		January 8	Sasting of brain	Grasmere	Bennington
Charles H. Streeter	68			January 28	Bronchial asthma		Tilton



# Report of Sexton for Mount Calvary Cemetery

Nellia Shea	51	11	22	March 4	Facial erysipelas	Haverhill	Bennington
Ad'e L. Harrington		8	8	June 5	Heat prostration		Bennington
Marie L. St. Jean	56	1	26	August 16	Pernicious enemia	Nashua	Bennington
John Lake	79	4	17	November 24	Cancer of antrum	Nashua	Bennington

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton.

# Report of Trust Funds of Town of Bennington, January 31, 1920

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund and Donor	How Funds are Invested As required by Chapter 162. Laws of 1915	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int't %	Income During Year	Expended During Year
May 1916	Abram A. Ramsey, Cem'y fd	Manchester Savings Bank	\$300 00	Interest at 4%	{ \$49 76	{ \$49 76
May 1916	Abram A Ramsey	" "	300 00		12 16	12 16
Dec. 1906	G. A. Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00			
Feb. 1905	Anna M. Woodbury	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00		146 03	146 03
Mar. 1906	Helen P. Ramsey	" "	200 00			
July 1913	George L. Herrick	" "	200 00			
Mar. 1914	Mrs. A. D. Green	" "	200 00			
Mar. 1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney	" "	200 00			
Apr. 1914	Abram A. Ramsey	" "	1766 16			
Jan. 1915	C. J. Kimball	" "	150 00		12 44	12 44
Jan. 1916	Willard S. Carlin	" "	332 20		27 51	27 51
Feb 1917	Augustus W. Gray	" "	100 00		8 19	8 19
Sept 1918	W. H. Darrah	" "	50 00		1 50	1 50
Jan 1919	Clara R. Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		2 12	2 12
July 1919	Ann M. Eaton	Registered U. S. Bond, 108903	100 00			

February 11, 1920

Audited by GEORGE E. EDWARDS

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF**  
**BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the  
Ensuing Year, Jan. 31, 1920, to Jan. 31, 1921**

**Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year,  
Jan. 31, 1919, to Jan. 31, 1920**

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1919	Estimated Rev. Ensuing Year 1920	Increase	Decrease
<b>FROM STATE:</b>				
Insurance Tax	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.75		
Railroad Tax	167.42	167.42		
Savings Bank Tax	1021.45	1021.45		
For Highways				
(a) For State aid mntnce	130 38	150.00	19.62	
(b) For trunk line mnten	238 32	600.00	361.68	
Bounties	8.20	8.20		
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>				
<b>EXCEPT TAXES:</b>				
All Licenses and Permits				
except Dog Licenses	36.66	20.00		16.66
Fines and Forfeits	7.00			7.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other				
Buildings	398.20	398.20		
Interest Received on				
Taxes and Deposits	4.32	4.32		
Schools for coal	140.08	140.08		
Lumber	12.50			12.50
<b>FROM POLL TAXES:</b>	594.00	594.00		
Revenue Applicable only to				
New Const. and Impvts:				
From State:				
(a) For State Aid High-				
way Construction	567.92	544.80		23.12
Revenue which must be pd.				
to other Governmtl divs:				
Dog Licenses	71.28	71.28		
County Poor	71.00	71.00		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM</b>				
<b>ALL SOURCES EXCEPT</b>				
PROPERTY TAXES:	3475.48	3797.50	381.30	59.28
Amt Raised by Prty Taxes:	13969.70	13969.70		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$17445.18</b>	<b>17767.20</b>	<b>381.30</b>	<b>59.28</b>

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1919	Estimated Expdt Ens'u'g Year 1920	Increase	Decrease
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>				
<b>General Government:</b>				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 605.54	\$ 605.54		
Town Officers' Expenses	185 10	185.10		
Election and Registrn Exp	22.00	50.00	28.00	
Care, supplies Town Hall	774.46	850.00	75.54	
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>				
Police Department	92.54	90.00		2.54
Fire       "	444.51	500.00	55 49	
Bounties	4 20	8.20	4.00	
<b>Health:</b>				
Health Department	95.50	95.50		
Vital Statistics	5.40	5.40		
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>				
State Aid Maintenance				
{ State's Contribution		150.00	150.00	
{ Town's       "	184.86	150.00		34.86
<b>Trunk Line Maintenance</b>				
{ State's Contribution	200.00	600.00	400.00	
{ Town's       "	438.20	600.00	161 80	
Town Maintenance	1772.00	1772.00		
Street Lighting	215.98	350.00	134.02	
General exp hghwy dept	26.10	20.00		6.10
<b>Education:</b>				
Libraries	200.00	200.00		
<b>Charities:</b>				
Town Poor	33.73	25.00		8.73
<b>Patriotic purposes:</b>				
Welcome Home Day	521.75			521.75
<b>Recreation:</b>				
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>				
Cemeteries	20.00	20.00		

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1919	Estimated Expdt Ensu'g Year 1920	Increase	Decrease
Town clock 16.25, Town dump 78.88	95.13	16.25		78.88
INTEREST:				
On temporary loans	40.00	40.00		
Outlay for New Constrn and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges				
Town Construction				
State Aid Construction				
{ Town's Contribution	1947.93	1362.00		585.93
{ State's ..	567.92	544.80		23.12
Trunk Line Construction				
Indebtedness:				
Payments on Prin. of Debt				
Pays to other Govmtl Div:				
State taxes	3938.00	3938.00		
County taxes	1389.18	1389.18		
County Poor	71.00	71.00		
Paymts to School Dists	3799.75	4772.86	973.11	
“ “ “ per				
capita tax for 1919		228.00	228.00	
Taxes bought by town	162.36	169.40	7.04	
TOTAL EXPNDTRS	\$17853.14	18808.23	2217.00	1261.91

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1919

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Living or sb.	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Nov. 2, '16	Donald	M	12		Patrick McGrath	Nellie Cody	Bennington	Farmer	Ireland	Ireland
Jan. 29	Eu nice Louise	F	1		Perley E. Bartlett	Beatrice M. Keyser		Paper Mill Laborer	Bennington	Bradford
	Thomas J.	M	1		James Kourkounis	Foi J. Kourkounis		"	"	"
April	Apostolis P.	M	4		Petros Adamos	Vangel P. Adamos		"	"	"
June 5	Donald Arthur	M	6		Michael Powers	Bridget Cody		Laundry Laborer	Ireland	Ireland
June 6	Meda Frances	F	2		Harry E. Smart	Lena M. Rice		"	Concord	Cambridge, Mass.
May 7	Mary Filios	F	4		Mike Filios	Sophia Antonion		"	"	"
July 2		M	1		Arthur Kounelas	Malamaty Versum		"	"	"
August 13	Kenneth Pearl	M	1		Pearl J. Warren	Glady Dodge		Painter	Greenfield	Bennington
August 26	Vernon Clayton	M	4		Harry W. Brown	Mary Richards		"	Bennington	Orange, Mass.
Nov. 27	Raymond Vincent	M	2		Willford J. Newton	Hazel C. Ryder		"	"	Pawtucket, R. I.
Dec. 13	Elizabeth Adelia	F	1		More M. Cockburn King	Irma Clare Lounsbury		Paper Maker	Scotland	Bulgaria
Dec. 12	Dorothy Hart	F	1		Lester M. Johnson	Marguerite L. Hart		Carpenter	Hancock	Manchester
12	Donald Hart	M	2			"		"	"	"



# Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1919

Date and Place of marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years	Occupat'n of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
March 15	Charles E. Cole	Bennington	38	Board Saw'r	Woodstock, Vt	George A. Cole	Manitoba	Board Saw'r	Henry A. Coolidge
Antrim	Grace D. French		17	Chamberm'd	Bennington	Hattie Royce	Greenfield	Housewife	Antrim
May 12	Claud R. Hudson		25	Tel. Installer	Dalton, Ga.	Albert French	Walpole	R. R. man	Clergyman
Bennington	Bertha F. Cady		27	Milliner	Bennington	Nellie M. Smith	Cummings, Ga.	Housewife	H. A. Coolidge
May 15	Roy P. Morrison		27	Paper Mak'r	Syracuse, N Y	James L. Hudson	Calhoun, Ga.	Merchant	Antrim
Antrim	Amy Bailey		24	Paper Mill	Bennington	Edna O. Pulliam	Fitchburg, Mass	Housewife	Clergyman
Oct. 29	Patrick J. McGrath		54	Laborer	Ireland	George L. Cady	Mansfield, Ohio	Cutler	Robert S. Barker
Hillsboro	Mary Ellen Cram		44	House Work	Greenville	Minnie F. Bartlett	Syracuse, N. Y.	Housewife	Antrim
Nov. 23	Josiah P. Curtis		16	Farmer	Bennington	Daniel Morrison	Canada	Carpenter	Clergyman
Keene	Edith L. Wellman		19	Waitress	Lempster	Charles Bailey	Brownington, Vt	Cutler	Rev. Fr. Chas. J. Leddy
		Walpole				Nellie M. Clark	Deering	Housewife	Hillsboro
						Thomas McGrath	Montreal, Can.	Farmer	Catholic Priest
						Bridget Markham	Germany	Housewife	Austin H. Rind
						George Dorr	Boston	Mechanic	Keene
						Lizzie Miller	Antrim	Housewife	Clergyman
						Josiah P. Curtis	Lempster	Blacksmith	
						Fred L. Wellman		Housewife	
						Grace Thurber			

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1919

Date of death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Sex.	S. M. W. D.	Occupation.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth		Cause of Death
		Years.	Months.						Father	Mother	
Jan. 13	Augusta M. Joslin	32	2	F	M	Housewife	James H. Foss	Ethel Varney	Haverhill Mass	Alton	Pneumonia
6	Mehitable Mitchell	87	1	F	W	Housewife	George Babcock				Pneumonia
19	Fred S. Babcock	42	6	M	S	Mechanic					Tuberculosis
21	A. C. Wissell	35	2	M	M	Blacksm'h					Pneumonia
Mar. 4	Nellie Shea	51	11	F	S	Cook	Jeffrey Shea	Ellen Cashion	Ireland	Ireland	Facial Erysipelas
8	Harry A. Knight	53	8	M	S	Salesman	Lewis A. Knight	Martha E. Burr	Marlow	Bennington	Apoplexy
14	Ethel L. Joslin	3	6	F	S		Edward A. Joslin	Augusta M. Foss	Greenfield	Gilmanton	Tubercu. Pneumonia
26	Donald McGrath	3	4	M	S		Patrick McGrath	Nellie Cody	Ireland	Ireland	Bronchitis
April 17	Nellie M. Bailey	48	10	F	W	Home	James Clark	Mary Lovering			Ch. Intes. Nephritis
*May 7	Mary J. Foote	74	6	F	W				Lyndeboro	Lyndeboro	Cerebral Hemorrhage
20	Eugene A. Holt	63	7	M	M	Farmer	Harry Holt	Lois Cram	Lyndeboro	St. John, N.F.	Pulmonary Embolism
Aug. 8	Adelaide L. Harrington	63	8	F	S		Wm. F. Harrington	Frances M. Lake	Roxbury, Mass	St. John, N.F.	Heat Prostration
* 16	Marie L. St. Jean	56	1	F	S						Periculous Anemia
Sept. 17	Cora A. Curtis	58	11	F	W	Homem'kr	Warren D. Hatch	Eunice Peabody	Northfield Mass	Mass	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Oct. 2	Amanda S. Newton	80	7	F	W	Hskkeeper	Marshall Johnson	Susan Howland	Becket, Mass.	Barnstable Ms	Carcinoma of Liver
Nov. 5	Edward A. Joslin	62	7	M	W	Farmer	Samuel O. Joslin	Bethia Livingston	Townsend, Ms.	Lyndeboro	Chronic Cystitis
24	John Lake	60	7	M	M	Farmer	Wm. Lake	Mary Jarvis			Cancer of Antrum

\*Brought here for burial.

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

ARTHUR F. BELL, Town Clerk







**ANNUAL REPORT**

**1921**

**OF THE TOWN OF**

**BENNINGTON**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**





# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## Town Officers

OF

# Bennington, N.H.

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January 31

1921

Also Vital Statistics For Year Ending  
December 31, 1920

ANTRIM, N. H.

11. WEBSTER ELDREDGE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER

1921



**Town Officers**

## Selectmen

JAMES H. BALCH  
HERBERT A. EATON  
JAMES J. GRISWOLD

## Town Clerk

ARTHUR F. BELL

## Town Treasurer

ARTHUR F. BELL

## Road Agent

FRANK A. TAYLOR

## Overseer of the Poor

HENRY W. WILSON

## Tax Collector

EDWARD R. KEESER

## Moderator

GEORGE E. EDWARDS

## Supervisors

HENRY W. WILSON  
GEO. E. MESSER  
HENRY C. BARR

## Auditors

ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
GEORGE E. EDWARDS

## Ballot Inspectors

LEON MESSER  
WM. P. HARRINGTON  
HARRY S. DUNBAR  
ANSEL SMART

## Library Trustees

FRANK G. TRAXLER  
 ALLAN GERRARD  
 HENRY W. WILSON

## Constable

HARRY S. DUNBAR

## Health Officer

HENRY W. WILSON

## Trustees of Trust Funds

ARTHUR J. PIERCE  
 GEORGE B. GRISWOLD  
 HENRY W. WILSON

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED A. KNIGHT

## Sexton

FRANK A. TAYLOR

## Janitor Town Hall

HARRY S. DUNBAR

## Forest Fire Warden

HENRY W. WILSON

## Fire Wards

HENRY W. WILSON  
 HARRY S. DUNBAR  
 HARRY W. BROWN

## Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

FRED C. STARRETT  
 ROBERT KNOWLES  
 GEORGE H. KING

## TOWN WARRANT

### The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the Eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing except Selectmen to be elected one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.
3. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the alterations and amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Constitutional Convention shall be approved.
4. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for Memorial Day.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for hydrant service.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for lighting the streets with electricity.

8. To see what action the Town will take with regard to State Aid, maintenance of same, and Trunk Line maintenance.

9. To see if the Town will vote to accept legacies, any gifts given to the Town by different individuals, the income to be used in the care of cemetery lots.

10. To see if the Town will appropriate \$150.00 for the control of the White Pine Blister.

11. To see if the Town will vote to build a receiving tomb and appropriate money for the same.

12. To see if the Town will vote to revise the by-laws of the Town Hall, or take any action in regard thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, Twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

James H. Balch  
Herbert A. Eaton  
James J. Griswold

Selectmen of Bennington

## Inventory of Real and Personal Property

Assessed on the 1st day of April 1920

No. Polls at \$3.00, 11		
No. Polls at \$5.00, 161		
Land and Buildings	\$291,595	00
73 Horses	9,275	00
2 Mules	250	00
103 Cows	11,980	00
40 Neat Stock	2,700	00
4 Oxen	750	00
23 Sheep	365	00
13 Hogs	315	00
90 Fowl	150	00
4 Vehicles	500	00
2 Portable Mills	200	00
Wood and Lumber	3,200	00
Bank Stock	200	00
Money on hand	30,038	00
Stock in trade	278,145	00
Mills and machinery	287,050	00
Aqueducts	20,000	00
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Total valuation	\$936,713	00
Amount of taxes given Collector	\$16,944	58
Rate per cent of Taxation for all purposes	\$1.72 on \$100	



## Financial Report

Uncollected taxes, Keeser list, 1919	\$169 40
Paid Keeser list	169 40
Amount given Keeser, Newton 1920	16,944 58

Paid Treas. Keeser and Newton	\$16,896 33
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Paid elsewhere and abated	\$ 48 25
	\$16,944 58

### Abatements, Newton's List, 1920

W. E. Downes	\$5 00
Frank Sheldon, paid in Dayton, Ohio	5 00
E. J. Wilson, over age	5 00
John Saunders, over age	5 00
Charles N. Harrison	5 00
William H. Harrison	5 00
P. J. Warren, paid in Greenfield	3 00
William Wallace, over tax	5 37
Herbert C. Bemis over tax and School tax paid in Antrim	9 88

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\$48 25

## ASSETS

## Cash:

In hands of treasurer	\$5949 43
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## Accounts Due to the Town:

## Due from State:

(a) Joint Highway Accounts, Unex- pended Bal. in State treas.	\$876 19
(b) T. L. Maint.	\$63 91
(c) S. A. Maint.	165 20

Due from County: S. A. Const.	647 08
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Other bills due town: School Dist.	195 68
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Total Assets	\$7021 30
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Grand Total	\$7021 30
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Surplus, January 31, 1920	\$807 30
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Surplus, January 31, 1921	1851 82
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Increase—of surplus	1044 52
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## LIABILITIES

## Accounts Owed by the Town

## Due to School Districts

(a) Dog licenses	\$82 20
(b) Bal. Appropriation	1533 00

## State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:

(a) Unexpe'd bal. in State treas.	\$876 19
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(b) Unexp'd bal. Town treas.	1678 09
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S. A. Const.	\$1617 69
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S. A. Maint.	34 81
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T. L. Maint.	25 59
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## Outstanding Temporary Loans in

Anticipation of Taxes:	\$1000 00
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Total Liabilities	\$5169 48
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Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	1851 82
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Grand Total	\$7021 30
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## RECEIPTS

### Current Revenue:

#### From local Taxes:

#### Property taxes/committed

to Collector 1920	\$16,111 58
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Less discounts, abatements, 1920	15 25
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|----|--|-----------|
| 1. | Property taxes, current year<br>actually collected             | 16,096 33 |
| 2. | Poll taxes, current year, actually<br>collected 10 at \$3.00   | 30 00     |
| 3. | Poll taxes, current year, actually<br>collected, 154 at \$5 00 | 770 00    |

	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> \$16,896 33
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Tax sales redeemed	327 80
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#### From State:

#### 5. For Highways

(a) For State Aid Maintenance	\$63 19
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(b) For State Aid Construction	100 00
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(c) For Trunk Line Maint.	675 60
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6. Insurance tax	6 75
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7. Railroad tax	242 20
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8. Savings bank tax	1035 16
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11. Fighting forest fires	59 75
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12. Bounties	3 80
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#### From County:

13. For support of poor	10 85
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#### From Local Sources Except Taxes:

15. Dog licenses	82 20
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17. Fines, Forfeits, municipal court	30 00
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18. Rent of town hall	431 40
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19. Interest received on taxes	3 10
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25. Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	487 54
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26. Coal sold \$453.00, Cement \$58.28  
 Damage Bridge \$96.50, Railing \$28.44  
 \$28.44, Antrim labor and plank  
 \$90.54, Wire \$3.50, Primary Filing  
 \$6 00, Shingles, \$1.75, Costs  
 taxes A. B. Lt. & Pr. Co, \$60.31 798 32

Total receipts other than Current Revenue	\$21,253 99
Total receipts from all sources	\$21,253 99
Cash on hand February 1, 1920	3204 02
Grand Total	\$24,458 01

### PAYMENTS

#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

##### General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$662 92	
2. Town officers' expenses	319 34	
3. Election, registration expenses	95 00	
5. Expenses town hall, and other town buildings	1632 74	
		\$2710 00

##### Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department, including care of tramps	51 74	
7. Fire department, including forest fire	372 76	
8. Moth extermination	125 00	
9. Bounties	3 80	
		\$553 30

##### Health:

11. Health department, including hospitals	22 67	
12. Vital statistics	6 95	
		\$29 62

## Highways and Bridges:

14. State Aid maintenance	316 66	
15. Trunk Line maintenance	1337 08	
16. Town maintenance	2473 08	
17. Street lighting and sprinkling	359 38	
18. General expenses for highway dept. including water troughs	20 00	

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 \$4506 20

19. Libraries	200 00	\$200 00
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## Charities:

20. Town poor	46 86	
21. County poor	10 85	

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 \$57 71

## Patriotic Purposes:

22. Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises	391 17	\$391 17
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## Public Service Enterprises:

27. Cemeteries including hearse hire	70 80	\$70 80
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## Unclassified:

30. Town clock	15 00	\$15 00
31. Advertising A. B. Lt. & Pr. Co.	11 30	\$11 30

## Interest:

32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		\$40 00
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## Payment to Other Governmental Divisions:

50. Taxes paid to State	\$3353 00	
51. Taxes paid to County	1514 20	
53. Payments to School Districts	5056 28	

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 Total Payments to Other Governmental  
Divisions

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 \$9923 48

## Total Payments for All Purposes

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 \$18,508 58

Cash on hand January 31, 1921

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 \$5,949 43

## Grand Total

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 \$24,458 01

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## Detail 1—Town Officers' Salaries

Arthur F. Bell, town clerk and treasurer	\$150 00	
James H. Balch, Selectman	125 00	
Herbert A. Eaton	100 00	
James J. Griswold	65 00	
Edward R. Keeser, tax collector	121 01	
Maurice Newton, tax collector	101 91	
	<hr/>	\$662 92

## Detail 2—Town Officers' Expenses

Herbert A. Eaton, postage	\$3 25	
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	13 96	
H. W. Eldredge, printing town reports and notices	122 50	
George W. Lincoln, telephone	9 25	
Arthur F. Bell, recording auto permits and expenses	18 00	
George O. Joslin, automobile	1 50	
Ezra M. Smith, legal advice	5 00	
Herbert A. Eaton, attending Assessors' meeting and Tax Commission meeting	15 00	
James J. Griswold, attending Assessors' meeting	7 42	
James H. Balch, postage, attending Assessors' and Tax Commission meeting and express	30 13	
Maurice Newton, postage and attending Assessors' meeting	9 01	
Putting screens across river and dynamite used by divers	84 32	
	<hr/>	\$319 34

**Detail 3—Election and Registration Expenses**

Mrs. Mary E. Burnham, town meeting dinner	\$7 00	
Edward R. Keeser, ballot inspector	3 00	
Harry S. Dunbar, ballot inspector	3 00	
Frank J. Newton, ballot inspector	2 00	
Chas. F. Burnham, ballot inspector	2 00	
Leon Messer, ballot inspector	6 00	
Henry J. Sculley, ballot inspector	2 00	
Wm. P. Harrington, ballot inspector	2 00	
S. of V. Aux. dinners	14 00	
George E. Edwards, moderator	10 00	
Henry C. Barr, supervisor	12 00	
Henry W. Wilson, supervisor	16 00	
George E. Messer, supervisor	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$95 00

**Detail 5—Town Hall**

A. & B. El. Lt. & Pr. Co., lights	\$88 63	
Harry S. Dunbar, care of hall	210 46	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	133 10	
George O. Joslin, coal	26 74	
Grove Hill Coal Co.	700 60	
Seth W. Jones, internal revenue	25 00	
Harry S. Dunbar, supplies	2 50	
Fred A. Knight, supplies	6 22	
Florence & Butler, slating town hall and Engine hall	45 20	
Edward R. Keeser, putting in wood	1 09	
Herbert Wilson, wood	2 50	
B. & M. freight on coal	267 23	
George O. Joslin, wood	22 00	
Charles Dutton, water rent	25 00	
Frank A. Taylor, drawing coal	76 56	
	<hr/>	\$1632 74



**Detail 6—Protection of Persons and Property**

A. & B. El. Lt. & Pr. Co.,		
lights and repairs	\$19 12	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance on lobby	6 00	
Edward R. Keeser, police duty	2 50	
Charles Cole, police duty	10 80	
Henry J. Scully, police duty	7 50	
Harry S. Dunbar, police duty	4 50	
George O. Joslin, supplies	1 32	
	<hr/>	\$51 74

**Detail 7—Fire Department**

P. E. Cashion, care of engine, 1919	\$25 00	
Wm. P. Harrington, shovelling		
out hydrants	1 00	
Edward Newton, shovelling		
out hydrants	1 00	
Bennington W. W. Co., water for		
hydrants	250 00	
Florence & Butler, slating engine house	12 38	
Henry W. Wilson, forest fire bill	4 50	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	18 13	
Joseph F. Diamond, care of engine	25 00	
Herbert E. Wilson, wood, engine hall	6 00	
Henry W. Wilson, freight on supplies	1 10	
John E. Harmon, pay roll	26 25	
Harvey Lucier, watching fire	2 40	
	<hr/>	\$372 76

**Detail 9—Bounties**

James H. Balch, hedgehogs	\$3 80	
	<hr/>	\$3 80

**Detail 11—Health Department**

Henry W. Wilson, health officer	\$22 67	
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**Detail 12—Vital Statistics**

Edwin D. Stevens, M. D., returning births	\$ 50	
Arthur F. Bell, returning births and deaths	6 45	
	<hr/>	\$6 95

**Detail 14—Highways and Bridges**

State Aid Maintenance		
Fred C. Cutter, patrolman	\$188 61	
John S. Whitney, patrolman	12 81	
Wesley Corliss, patrolman	13 86	
Willoughby Crampton, patrolman	5 25	
Carl Muzzey, patrolman	23 75	
Fred G. Huntley, building railing	72 38	
	<hr/>	\$316 66

**Detail 15—Trunk Line Maintenance**

Fred C. Cutter, patrolman	\$429 66	
John S. Whitney, patrolman	46 94	
Wesley Corliss, patrolman	8 40	
Willoughby Crampton, patrolman	17 63	
Carl Muzzey, patrolman	35 72	
Frank A. Taylor, patrolman	24 00	
Fred G. Huntley, patrolman	774 73	
	<hr/>	\$1337 08

**Detail 16—Town Maintenance**

C. S. Brown, road agent	\$934 03	
Frank A. Taylor, road agent	1539 05	
	<hr/>	\$2473 08

**Detail 17—Street Lighting**

A. & B. Lt. & Pr. Co., street lights	\$359 38	
	<hr/>	\$359 38

### Detail 18—General Expenses, Highways and Watering Troughs

H. W. Wilson, insurance tool house	\$6 00	
W. C. Starrett, water for watering troughs	10 00	
Charles H. Dutton, damage to wagon	4 00	
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		\$20 00

### Detail 5—Moth Extermination

J. H. Foster, Wh. Pine Blister ap.	\$125 00	
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		\$125 00

### Detail 19—Libraries

Henry W. Wilson, appropriation	\$200 00	
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		\$200 00

### Detail 20—Town Poor

F. A. Knight, food for tramps	\$7 71	
H. E. Wilson, wood for tramp house	13 50	
Henry W. Wilson, overseer of poor	15 65	
Harry S. Dunbar, care of tramps	10 00	
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		\$46 86

### Detail 21—Charities

Henry W. Wilson, county poor	\$10 85	
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		\$10 85

### Detail 23—Patriotic Purposes

Leon Messer, Memorial day appro.	\$100 00	
T. F. McGam & Sons Co., Bronze Tablet	290 00	
J. J. Griswold, express on tablet	1 17	
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		\$391 17

### Detail 27—Cemeteries

Bennington W. W., water	\$20 00	
Henry W. Wilson, Trustees' bond	7 20	
E. D. Newhall, cleaning cemetery	16 80	
Wm. H. Harrison, cleaning cemetery	10 80	
Mrs. G. S. Dodge, cleaning cemetery	16 00	
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		\$70 80

**Detail 30—Town Clock**

Allan Gerrard, care of town clock	\$15 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 00

**Detail 31**

Advertising A.-B. El. Lt. & Pr. Co. taxes	\$11 30	
	<hr/>	\$11 30

**Detail 32—Interest**

C. H. Philbrick, interest on note 28	\$16 00	
Edward I. Dodge, interest on note 27	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 00

**Detail 50—Payment on other Governmental Divisions**

J. W. Plummer, State Treasurer	\$3353 00	
	<hr/>	\$3353 00

**Detail 51—County Tax**

Albert H. White, County tax	\$1514 20	
	<hr/>	\$1514 20

**Detail 53—Payments to School Districts**

Dog tax	\$71 28	
Balance paid on 1919	1135 00	
Paid on 1920	3850 00	
	<hr/>	\$5056 28

Total payments	\$18,508 58
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ARTHUR F. BELL, Treasurer.

JAMES H. BALCH

HERBERT A. EATON

JAMES J. GRISWOLD

Selectmen of Bennington

We have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Road Agent and find them correct and all disbursements properly vouched.

The accounts have been arranged in accordance with the uniform classification of the Tax Commission.

ARTHUR J. PIERCE

GEORGE E. EDWARDS

Auditors

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$10,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	300 00
2. Libraries, Lands and Buildings	5,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	500 00
3. Police Department, Lands and Buildings	400 00
4. Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	800 00
Equipment	500 00
5. Highway Department, Land and Buildings	300 00
Equipment	300 00
Total	<hr/> \$13,100 00

**TOWN HALL REPORT**

	Receipts For Rent	Expenditures For Care
February	\$24 00	\$14 40
March	27 00	16 10
April	24 00	16 20
May	33 80	13 70
June	32 00	7 60
July	42 00	29 60
August	37 50	12 00
September	43 30	10 80
October	32 00	15 00
November	38 50	22 56
December	56 60	30 00
January	28 20	22 50
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	\$418 90	\$210 46

HARRY S. DUNBAR, Janitor.

**ROAD AGENT'S ACCOUNT****Snow Bill Account**

March 10 and 11

Will Taylor and team, 8 1-2 hrs.	\$7 23
F. A. Taylor, 7 1-2 hrs.	3 00
Charles Stowell, 14 hrs.	5 60
Harry Nourse, 5 hrs.	2 00
Albert French, 14 hrs.	5 60
Edward N. French, 14 hrs.	5 60
Edward French, 14 hrs.	5 60
George Quimby, 14 hrs.	5 60
Patrick Shea, 14 hrs.	5 60
Richard Macgrath, 14 hrs.	5 60
John Smiley, 9 hrs.	3 60
George Sargent, 9 hrs.	3 60
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\$58 63

## For Week Ending March 20

Herbert Wilson, 13 hrs.	\$4 20	
Harry Smart, 3 1-2 hrs.	1 40	
John Day, 3 hrs.	1 20	
John Smiley, 13 hrs.	4 20	
Edward French, 13 hrs.	4 20	
Albert French, 8 hrs.	3 20	
Edward N. French, 8 hrs.	3 20	
Will Taylor and team, 5 1-2 hrs.	4 67	
F. A. Taylor, 19 1-2 hrs.	7 80	
	<hr/>	\$34 07

## Week Ending March 27

Albert French, 26 hrs.	\$10 40	
Edward N. French, 2 1-2 hrs.	1 00	
Herbert Wilson, 15 hrs.	6 00	
F. A. Taylor, 15 hrs.	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$23 40

## Week Ending April 3

Herbert Wilson, 4 hrs.	\$1 60	
Albert French, 10 hrs.	4 00	
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Dec. 1. Will Taylor, 1 horse, 3 hrs.	\$2 00	
F. A. Taylor, 3 hrs.	1 34	
23. F. A. Taylor, 1 horse, 4 hrs.	3 00	
Will Taylor, 2 hrs.	90	
27. Will Taylor, 1 horse, 3 hrs.	2 25	
28. Will Taylor, team, 4 1-2 hrs	4 00	
Herbert Wilson, team, 4 1-2 hrs.	4 00	

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Jan. 3. W. P. Harrington, 4 hrs	1 75	
Will Taylor, team, 4 1-2 hrs.	4 00	
15. Will Taylor, team, 7 1-2 hrs.	6 67	
W. P. Harrington, 7 1-2 hrs.	3 24	
James Griswold, sand	2 00	



F. A. Taylor, 1 horse, 3 hrs.	1 95	
Will Taylor, team, 3 hrs.	2 25	
F. A. Taylor, 3 hrs.	1 20	
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		\$47 21
May 1. Edward French, 12 1-2 hrs.	\$5 00	
Will Taylor, team, 31 hrs.	24 27	
Ed. Newton, 13 1-2 hrs.	5 20	
Sam Newton, 18 hrs.	7 20	
F. A. Taylor, 23 hrs.	10 35	
George Sargent, 9 hrs.	3 60	
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		\$55 62
8 Ed. Newton, 37 1-2 hrs.	\$15 00	
Sam Newton, 37 1-2 hrs.	15 00	
John Smiley, 33 hrs.	13 20	
George Brown, 33 hrs.	13 20	
Pat Cody, 3 1-2 hrs.	1 40	
Herbert Wilson, team, 33 hrs.	25 74	
Will Taylor, team, 42 hrs.	32 76	
J. H. Balch, team, 15 hrs.	11 70	
F. A. Taylor, 27 hrs.	11 15	
George Sargent, 6 hrs.	2 40	
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		\$141 55
15 Herbert Wilson, team, 27 hrs.	\$21 00	
J. H. Balch, team, 18 hrs.	14 00	
Will Taylor, team, 27 hrs.	21 00	
John Smiley, 27 hrs.	10 80	
Ed. Newton, 27 hrs.	10 80	
Sam. Newton, 27 hrs.	10 80	
George Brown, 27 hrs.	10 80	
F. A. Taylor, 21 hrs.	9 45	
Fred A. Knight, 2 shovels,		
2 rakes	3 70	
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		\$112 35
June 19. H. Wilson, team, 27 hrs.	\$24 00	
J. H. Balch, team, 20 hrs.	17 80	
Will Taylor, team, 27 hrs.	24 00	

John Smiley, 27 hrs.	12 00	
W. B. Harrington, 27 hrs.	12 00	
Sam Newton, 26 hrs.	11 56	
Ed. U. French, 27 hrs.	12 00	
F. A. Taylor, 13 hrs.	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$119 86
26. Will Taylor, team, 41 hrs.	\$36 47	
John Smiley, 32 hrs	14 21	
Pat Cody, 4 hrs.	1 78	
Ed. U. French, 9 hrs.	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$56 46
30 Paid Fred G. Huntley, state Road Agt.		\$75 15
July 3. W. P. Harrington, 9 hrs.	\$4 00	
John Smiley, 11 1-2 hrs.	5 12	
Ed. U. French, 9 hrs.	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$13 12
July 24. Will Taylor, team, 4 hrs.	\$3 60	
John Smiley, 2 hrs.	88	
Herbert Curtis	36 75	
George Newhall	16 40	
Charles Newhall	7 20	
C. J. Green	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$66 08
Aug. 21. J. H. Balch, 9 hrs.	\$8 00	
John Smiley, 9 hrs.	4 00	
Will Taylor, team, 9 hrs.	8 00	
F. A. Taylor, 8 hrs.	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 00
Oct. 2. Will Taylor, team, 2 hrs.	\$1 78	
F. A. Taylor, team, 1 1-2 hrs.	1 34	
Ansel Smart, 1 1-4 hrs.	50	
Will Taylor, team, 3 hrs.	2 65	
F. A. Taylor, 1 1-2 hrs.	75	
F. A. Taylor, 2 hrs.	1 00	
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16. F. A. Taylor, team, 4 1-2 hrs.	\$4 00	
E. U. Veino, 4 hrs.	1 78	
Will Taylor, team, 7 hrs	6 23	
E. U. Veino, 6 hrs.	2 67	
F. A. Taylor, 4 hrs.	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 68
20. Will Taylor, team, 8 hrs	\$7 12	
21. J. H. Balch, team	2 00	
J. H. Balch, team, 36 hrs.	32 04	
Will Taylor, team, 40 hrs	35 60	
E. U. Veino, 27 hrs.	12 01	
W. P. Harrington, 40 hrs.	17 80	
F. A. Taylor, 35 hrs.	17 50	
	<hr/>	\$124 07
Nov. 6. E. U. Veino, 28 hrs.	\$12 46	
W. P. Harrington, 27 hrs.	12 02	
J. H. Balch, team, 14 hrs.	12 46	
Will Taylor, team, 27 hrs.	24 00	
F. A. Taylor, 20 hrs.	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 94
13. W. P. Harrington, 30 1-2 hrs.	\$13 57	
Will Taylor, team, 24 1-2 hrs.	21 81	
F. A. Taylor, 19 1-2 hrs.	8 68	
	<hr/>	\$44 06
Nov. 27. W. P. Harrington, 36 hrs.	\$16 00	
F. A. Taylor, 22 hrs.	9 79	
Lee Dickey, 18 hrs.	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$33 79
Dec. 18. W. Taylor, team, 11 1-2 hrs	\$10 24	
F. A. Taylor, 11 hrs.	4 90	
Joe Diamond	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 14
	<hr/>	\$1140 14

**Lumber Account**

Goodell Co., bridge plank	6 00	
Upton & Nichols, bridge plank	195 39	
Town of Antrim, bridge plank	11 70	
	<hr/>	\$213 09
Lumber on Thompson bridge acct.		90 00
		<hr/>
		\$123 09

**Thompson Bridge Account**

F. A. Taylor, team	\$3 15	
William Harrison, labor	1 40	
Will Taylor, team	6 68	
E. U. Veino, labor	1 98	
Will Taylor, labor	1 33	
F. A. Taylor, labor	1 33	
2000 ft. of plank	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$105 87

**Covered Bridge Account**

F. A. Taylor, team	\$ 67	
Will Taylor, labor	1 55	
F. A. Taylor, labor	1 55	
	<hr/>	\$3 37

**Material and Labor on Covered Bridge Roof**

Langdell Lumber Co., boards	\$24 40	
Herbert Wilson, team	3 00	
Goodell Co., boards	18 00	
Goodell Co., carting boards	1 00	
Fred Gibson, shingles	6 50	
G. O. Joslin, nails, roofing paper	45 75	
George W. Putnam, labor	51 75	
	<hr/>	\$150 40
Recd. J. H. Balch, for shingles not used on covered bridge		\$1 75
		<hr/>
		\$148 65

F. K. Black, repairs on covered bridge, by contract	\$96 50
Recd. of John Thomopulos for damage to covered bridge	\$96 50

### Freight Bills

Boston & Maine	\$2 67	
Boston & Maine	9 34	
Boston & Maine, 4 bundles shingles	52	
	<hr/>	\$12 53

C. J. Green, repairing snow roller and sidewalk plough	\$5 00
Received from Town of Antrim for labor and plank,	\$90 54

### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

#### Dogs Licensed

4 females at \$5 00 each	\$20 00	
6 spayed females at \$2 00 each	12 00	
29 males at \$2 00 each	58 00	
	<hr/>	\$90 00
Less Clerk's fees		7 80
		<hr/>
		\$82 20

ARTHUR F. BELL, Clerk

#### C. S. Brown's Acct. from Jan. 31 to Mar. 10

To breaking roads	\$934 03
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The receipts were all handed in to the Selectmen but were destroyed by water caused by the water pipe bursting.

## Overseer of the Poor

Bills paid for County of Hillsborough

G. O. Joslin, goods for B. Baldwin \$9 35

Dr. G. D. Tibbets, care B. Baldwin 1 50

\$10 85

HENRY W. WILSON

Overseer of the Poor

## Report of Sunnyside Cemetery

For Year Ending Feb. 1, 1921

1920	Dr.	
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1920		\$225 52
1920	Cr.	
May 20, Wm. P. Harrington, labor	\$18 00	
June 7, W. P. Harrington, labor	10 80	
July 10, W. P. Harrington, labor	10 80	
Sept. 1, W. P. Harrington, labor	24 90	
Oct. 18, W. P. Harrington, labor	2 00	
1921		
Jan. 31, Ruel S. Cram, labor	5 00	
Jan. 31, Henry Wilson, labor, care	5 00	
		\$76 50
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1920	\$225 52	
Paid out to Feb. 1, 1921	76 50	
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1921		\$149 02

RUEL S. CRAM, Sec. Treas.

HENRY W. WILSON

Trustees

## Report of the Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery

For Year Ending Feb. 1, 1921

### Financial Report

1920	Dr.	
Apr. 15, Wilford J. Newton lot, No. 32	\$5 00	
Feb., 1921, Ralph E. Messer lot, No. 89	5 00	
Feb., '21, Mrs. G. L. Traxler, lot No. 93	5 00	
		\$15 00



Cr.

Balance due Treasurer from last		
year's report	\$4 46	
W. C. Starrett, plumbing bill	2 25	
Cash on hand to balance	8 29	
	<hr/>	\$15 00

C. H. PHILBRICK

H. A. EATON

J. J. GRISWOLD

Trustees

**Trustees' Report of the G. E. P. Dodge Library**

There are 136 persons taking books from the Library. There have been added 154 books this year, 127 by purchase and 27 by gift.

We now have 3087 books for circulation. There are a lot of books that are worn out and some that cannot be replaced.

We wish to thank the following named persons for gifts of books to the library: Mrs. James S. May, Master Wesley Sheldon and Master Elmer Cody.

HENRY W. WILSON

FRANK G. TRAXLER

ALLAN GERRARD

Trustees.

**Henry W. Wilson in account with G. E. P. Dodge Library**

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1920	\$369 70	
Received from Town Treas.	200 00	
Received from Emma G. Bartlett,		
Librarian	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$577 70
Paid for wood sawing and putting in	\$42 50	
for supplies	15 05	
for repairs	7 75	



for electric lights	11 50	
for books, magazines, express	183 92	
Henry W. Wilson expenses to Boston		
and cash paid out	10 15	
Emma G. Bartlett as Librarian		
and expenses to State Col.	67 92	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1921	238 91	
	<hr/>	\$577 70

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. WILSON, Treasurer

Approved:

ALLAN GERRARD

FRANK G. TRAXLER

Trustees.

## FIREWARDS' REPORT

For Year Ending Jan. 31, 1921

Merrimack Engine, No. 1, in very good condition.

On hand: 800 ft. 2 1-2 in. hose, good condition;  
200 ft. 2 1-4 in. hose in poor condition.

Ladders in good condition: 1 24-ft., 1 22-ft; 1 20-ft;  
11 Rubber Coats and Caps in good condition. 4 lanterns,  
6 pails, 12 shovels, 4 fire extinguishers in good condition.

The Company was called to one fire at Crystal Spring House, also at garage at Crystal Spring House, and rendered excellent service. Also one alarm for fire at Antrim. Before we got there we had a report the fire was under control.

LEON MESSER

HARRY S. DUNBAR

HENRY W. WILSON

Firewards.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DIST.

For the Year Sept. 1, 1919 to Aug. 31, 1920

## Current Revenue:

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1919	\$431 64	
Town tax for school	3635 00	
Dog licenses	71 28	
Tuition Bernice Robertson, 2 yrs.	17 00	
Tuition Fred Scott, 1 yr.	9 00	
Borrowed from 1920-21 appropriat'n	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$4513 92

## Payments—Administration

Salaries of District Officers	\$75 00	
Superintendent's excess salary	18 75	
Truant Officers, school census	10 00	
Expenses of Administration	22 79	
	<hr/>	\$126 54

## Instruction

Teachers' Salaries	\$2451 00	
Text Books	48 39	
Scholars' supplies	87 85	
Other expenses of instruction	17 65	
	<hr/>	\$2604 89

## Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor service	\$253 38	
Fuel	173 88	
Water and Janitor Supplies	46 04	
Minor repairs	43 33	
Medical inspection, Dr. Tibbets	83 00	
Transportation of pupils	292 00	
Elementary school tuition	59 60	
Insurance	10 60	
Per capita tax	228 00	
	<hr/>	\$1189 33

## Special Activities:

High school tuitions	\$540 00
Total	\$4461 26
Sept. 1, 1920, cash on hand	52 67
Grand Total	\$4513 93

## School Report of Teachers' Salaries

Gram'r, Gertrude Smith, 15 wks.	\$315 00
Gram'r, Edith M. Towle, 21 wks.	525 00
Intermed., Lulu M. Cilley, 36 wks.	756 00
Primary, Mae Cashion, 36 wks.	756 00
Music, Doris Watkins, 5 months	55 00
Miss Lee, 4 months	44 00
	\$2451 00

MARGARET J. TAYLOR,  
Treasurer.

## Roll of Perfect Attendance—Grammar School

## Winter Term, 1920

Theodore Call, Marion Griswold, Rachel Hansle,  
Florence Holmes, Atheleah Edwards, Barbara Timme,  
Rachel Wilson, Louise Traxler.

## Spring Term, 1920

Theodore Call, Marion Griswold, Atheleah Ed-  
wards, Louise Traxler.

## Fall Term

Tracy Claflin, Louise Traxler, Donald Collins,  
Rachel Wilson.

## Intermediate Room, Winter Term, 1920

Tracy Claflin.

## Spring Term

Tracy Claflin, Lois Day, Westly Sheldon, Barbara  
Edwards.

## Fall Term

John Fielding, Joseph Fielding, Warren Perkins,  
George Joslin, Fred Scott, Natalie Edwards.

## SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*To the School Board of Bennington:*

Herewith is submitted for your consideration my second annual report on the condition and needs of your schools, the statistical table being for the year ending Aug. 31st, 1920.

### Teachers

The district was indeed fortunate in being able to retain the force of teachers of last year. This is one of the important factors in the progress of children in school. A teacher's job is more than simply holding a school together, and hearing recitations. The knowing the individual child, its disposition, and the conditions surrounding its life is an important part of her preparation for successful work, and this can be gained only after intimate acquaintance. A new teacher, equally well trained and equally skillful in pedagogical lore is, at first, at a disadvantage, compared with a teacher who has gained, through association and study, a knowledge of the peculiarities of the individual child under her charge. I can confidently say that the work of the present force of teachers is satisfactory and thorough, and that they are faithful and enthusiastic, all of which qualities are bound to produce good results in the schools.

### General School Work

A slight change of subjects has been made in the 8th grade. Instead of taking Geography up in detail this year and studying over a mass of old material again the subject of Elementary Science was substituted, beginning with September. This aims to make the child familiar with the ordinary phenomena with which he

comes in daily contact, and it is an excellent preparation for the study of the sciences in the High School. At the beginning we had no apparatus whatever for the teaching of this subject, but, under the direction of the teacher, an entertainment was given by the school at which enough was realized to purchase some of the simpler material necessary for the study of the subject. The children are interested in the study.

In reading the grades are making satisfactory progress. This is the most important subject of the lower grades, and the results this year are very gratifying. The first grade has already read more than the required number of books for this time of year, and has read them easily and fluently. The same is true of the second and third grade. Of course, there are individuals in all grades who do not come up to the standard set by the class, but this is to be expected as all children are not built on the same plan mentally and physically.

In arithmetic the progress has been normal. One thing, I find a great majority of school children lack, and that is ease and accuracy in calculation, and the ability to apply their mental processes to some particular problem. We are trying to overcome this by frequent drills in the fundamentals to gain accuracy and speed, and to the more frequent application of those fundamentals in the solution of problems suitable to the experience of the child. This process will, I think, show results.

Standardized tests and drills are being given to the different grades, especially in reading, spelling and arithmetic, and in almost all classes so far tested the children of your schools are up to the standard set.

All days of special meaning to the children, and to us all as a state and nation, such as Columbus Day, Washington and Lincoln birthdays and many others are being observed in the schools in ways suitable to impress upon the mind of the child the meaning they contain and for the building of upright citizenship.



## Attendance

An examination of the statistical table appended will show the record made last year in the different items tabulated. The per cent was 93.7. This is fairly good considering the weather conditions of last winter. The state average was around 92%. We hope to do better than this for the current year. For the first 18 weeks of this year the per cent was 94.1. Tardiness last year amounted to 283, an average of 3.5 per pupil. Eighty-five cases are reported for the first half of this year. This is an evil that ought to be largely eliminated, but it requires the active cooperation of both the home and the school. It is often looked upon as of minor importance, but should not be so considered, as the consequences of it often go with the child through life. No other one factor, perhaps, shows the attitude of the child, and incidentally that of the parents as well, to the school, as the regularity and punctuality of attendance. The appeal which the school has for the child also may be judged by this.

## Medical Inspection

All the children in the schools were examined by the school physician, Dr. Tibbetts, during the spring term, and the following is the report sent by him :

Defective vision	23
Defective hearing	10
Anaemia	26
Cardiac disease	4
Pulmonary trouble	1 (?)
Skin disease	3
Pediculosis	1
Defective teeth	66
Hypertrophied tonsils	27
Adenoids	8
Defective breathing	17
Enlarged glands	66
Goitre	1
Unvaccinated	27
Tuberculosis	1 (?)

This is a large list of defects, some of them very important, and it furnishes food for serious consideration. Is not the district responsible, in a large measure, for the physical condition of its school children? Take, for instance, defective vision. How much of this trouble is brought on by inadequate lighting of the school room? Figures from many investigations show that school lighting is responsible in the great majority of cases. Many of the defects listed above prevent the child from securing normal development during his school life. I believe that all will agree that it is both profitable for and obligatory upon a district to see that the children are sent to school in such a physical condition that they may profit by the opportunities offered, and to surround them while there with hygienic conditions so far as possible.

If the above observations are sound I believe it is the duty of every school district to look carefully after the physical condition of the children. We have begun medical inspection, but to make this in any way effective some other agency must be employed. The most practicable one seems to be the school nurse, working under the direction of the School Board, and subject to the needs of the school children. Such an agency could be made available by several contiguous districts joining for the employment of such a person, and the expense on each would be very small. I would like to bring this seriously to your attention. I believe the question is to be considered by a committee appointed by the joint board of this union, and I trust that some definite step will be taken in the direction indicated above.

### **Buildings**

A few minor repairs need to be made on the school rooms. In the intermediate room especially there is need of more closets to keep school material such as books, school supplies and other equipment. As it is now a large part of this material has to be kept in corners, boxes, and other out of the way places where it is exposed to all the dirt and dust to be found in a school room. The same is true to a lesser degree in the other rooms. School material will last much longer if it can be suitably cared for.



Some painting ought to be done in some of the rooms, especially the grammar room. In many places the paint has become so dingy and dirty that soap and water has no effect on it. More light ought to be furnished the two rooms in the large building. The lighting ought to be at least one fifth of the floor space. Judged by this standard the lighting in these two rooms is not nearly adequate.

### Cost of Schools

The increasing cost of schools and of everything pertaining to education is a fact, viewed by some with anxiety and apprehension, and by others with a keen appreciation of the necessity of keeping the training of the youth of the country at the maximum of efficiency. It is a fact, of course, that the cost of education has greatly increased. If it were not so we might justly surmise that its efficiency was being lowered. In the rapid rise in the cost of all kinds of human activity it is not to be wondered at that education has felt the effect. That it has responded in undue proportion to this rising tide is, we may safely assert, not the case. Probably the reverse is true and if comparative figures were at hand we should find that the cost of schools have not increased at the same rapid rate of many other forms of activity. However this may be all realize, probably, as never before the necessity of keeping the schools at a maximum of efficiency. If this involves greatly increased costs this must be met, with an added determination that full value must be returned for the expenditure involved. This is the important phase of the problem. If the schools are to cost more we may justly demand that they return more to the community in a fuller development of the boys and girls, resulting in a richer civic and economic life.

In all the present unrest and turmoil which is sweeping over the country we must look to the schools as one of the stabilizing factors in the situation. And especially is this true in a democracy such as ours where the general intelligence of the people is the prime condition of stability. Therefore, no community can afford

to let its schools deteriorate, not only because of the calamitous results of itself, but also because of the danger involved to the state and nation as well. No community is a law unto itself. It touches other communities in so many important ways that a weakness in anything so vital as education is bound to affect the whole.

In closing permit me to express to you my hearty appreciation of your cooperation and help during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. PRIOR, Supt.

Statistical Table for Year Ending Aug. 31, 1920

School	Teacher	Education	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Tardiness	Perf. Attendance	Official Visits	Other Visits
Grammar	*Edith M. Towle	Normal School	29	27.2	25.1	192	136	1	125	86
Interm'te	*Lulu M. Cilley	Lawrence High	30	27.7	26.2	94	97	0	20	67
Primary	*Mae Cashion	KeeneNor. Sumr	25	24.5	23.1	194.2	50	0	20	47
Total			84	79.4	74.4	93.7	283	1	5	200

\*State Certificate

# REPORT OF SEXTON OF TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

From January 31, 1920, to January 31, 1921

Name	Age			Died	Disease	Brought From	Place of Interment
	Yrs.	M.	Days				
Mary B. R. Smith	60	10	21	February 22	Chronic intes. myoccard's		Bennington
Stillman S. Dunn	84		24	March 12	Cerebral embolism		Greenfield
Raymond V. Newton		4	21	April 17	Pulmonary embolism		Bennington
Caroline E. Edwards	47	3	15	April 1	Suicide by drowning		Milton, Mass.
Charles N. Harrison	36	6		April 29	Aneuris asda		Bennington
Orrison Guile Smith	70	2	7	May 24	Chronic intes. myoccard's		Bennington
Belle Hibbard	55	10	12	June 28	Diabetis	Worcester, Mass.	Bennington
Edward I. Dodge	75		26	September 23	Chronic intes. nephritis		Bennington
William H. Harrison	39	3	1	October 10	Chronic myoccarditis	West Haven, Conn.	Bennington
Frances S. Lawrence	76	3	7	October 12	Complication of diseases		Bennington
Mike C. Felios	47	11	21	October 17	Influenza		Manchester
James E. Favor	73	11	5	December 20	Heart-kidney disease		Bennington
Ellen A. Bishop	63		12	November 30	Cerebral astenal		Peterboro

# Report of Sexton for Mount Calvary Cemetery

Patrick J. McGrath	55	17	April 6	Heart failure		Bennington
Anna Lucier Labier	46		September 6	Surgical shock	Greenfield	Bennington
Mary Ann Gilman		2	7 November 10	Coryza indigestion	Antrim	Bennington

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton.

# Report of Trust Funds of Town of Bennington, January 31, 1921

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund and Donor	How Funds are Invested As required by Chapter 162, Laws of 1915	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int't %	Income During Year	Expended During Year
May 1916	Abram A. Ramsey, Cem'y fd	Manchester Savings Bank	\$300 00			
May 1916	Abram A. Ramsey	" "	300 00			
Dec. 1906	G. A. Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00			
Feb. 1905	Anna M. Woodbury	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00			
Mar. 1906	Helen P. Ramsey	" "	200 00			
July 1913	George L. Herrick	" "	200 00			
Mar. 1914	Mrs. A. D. Green	" "	200 00			
Mar. 1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney	" "	200 00			
Apr. 1914	Abram A. Ramsey	" "	1766 16			
Jan. 1915	C. J. Kimball	" "	150 00			
Jan. 1916	Willard S. Carkin	" "	332 20			
Feb. 1917	Augustus W. Gray	" "	100 00			
Sept 1918	W. H. Darrah	" "	50 00			
Jan. 1919	Clara R. Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00			
July 1919	Ann M. Eaton	Registered U. S. Bond, 108903	100 00			

February 15, 1921

Approved:

GEORGE E. EDWARDS, Auditor

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF**

**BENNINGTON,            NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the  
Ensuing Year, Jan. 31, 1921, to Jan. 31, 1922**

**Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year,  
Jan. 31, 1920, to Jan. 31, 1921**

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1920	Estimated Rev. Ensuing Year 1921	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Insurance Tax	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.75		
Railroad Tax	242.20	242.20		
Savings Bank Tax	1035.16	1035.16		
Fighting forest fires	59.75	59.75		
For Highways				
(a) For State aid mntnce	266 69	234.81		31.88
(b) For trunk line mnten	728 62	525.59		203.03
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:				
Fines and forfeits	30.00			30.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	431.40	431.40		
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	3.10			3.10
Bounties	3.80	3 80		
FROM POLL TAXES:	800.00	800.00		
Auto taxes	487.54	325.00		162.54
Revenue Applicable only to New Const. and Impvts:				
From State:				
(a) For State Aid Highway Construction	100.00			100.00
Revenue which must be pd. to other Governmentl divs:				
Dog Licenses	82 20	82 20		
Miscellaneous	798.32	195.68		602.64
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES:	5075.53	3942.34		1133.19
Amt Raised by Prty Taxes:	16096.33	16096 33		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$21171.86	20038.67		1133.19



Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1920	Estimated Expdt Ensu'g Year 1921	Increase	Decrease
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## Current Maintenance Expenses:

### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 662.92	\$ 662.92		
Town Officers' Expenses	319.34	319.34		
Election and Registrn Exp	95.00	65.00		30.00
Care, supplies Town Hall	1632.74	1000.00		632.74

### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	51 74	51.74		
Fire     "	372.76	372.76		
Moth ext'm'n, bounties	128.80	153 80	25.00	

### Health:

Health Department	22.67	22.67		
Vital Statistics	6.95	6.95		

### Highways and Bridges:

State Aid Maintenance				
{ State's Contribution	266.69	365.20	98.51	
{ Town's     "	253.47	234.81		18.66

### Trunk Line Maintenance

{ State's Contribution	728.62	563.91		164.71
{ Town's     "	661.48	525.59		135.89
Town Maintenance	2473 08	1500.00		973.08
Street Lighting	359 38	720.00	360.62	
General exp hghwy dept	20.00	20.00		

### Education:

Libraries	200.00	200.00		
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### Charities:

Town Poor	46.86	46.86		
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### Patriotic purposes:

Memorial Day	391.17	100.00		291.17
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### Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	70.80	70.80		
Town clock	15.00	15.00		

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1920	Estimated Expdt Ensu'g Year 1921	Increase	Decrease
<b>INTEREST:</b>				
On temporary loans	40.00	40.00		
<b>Payments to Other Govern- mental Divisions:</b>				
State Taxes	3353 00	3353.00		
County Taxes	1514 20	1514.20		
School District (amount voted)	5383.00	5633.00	250.00	
	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL EXPENDTRS</b>	<b>\$19069.67</b>	<b>17557.55</b>	<b>734.13</b>	<b>2246 25</b>

# VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1920

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Dec. 20 '19	Eugene Charles	M	1	Charles E. Cole	Grace D. French	Bennington	Steam mill	Woodstock, Vt.	Bennington
Jan. 13	John Raymond	M	4	George H. King	Maude Frances Sheldon		Carpenter	Bennington	Stamford, Conn.
Jan. 17	Nicholas	M	2	Lambros Kripatsos	Evangelv		Paper maker	Greece	Greece
March 20	Gerald Creston	M	6	William E. Call	M. Anna Belle Whitney		Fireman	Rumney	Hancock
May 1	Howard Freeman	M	7	Jeremiah N. Holt	Goldie E. Wilber		Cutlery	Greenfield	Surrey
May 27	Arthur Thomas	M	2	Arthur P. Diemond	Margaret O'Connor		Paper Mill	Greenfield	Ireland
June 10	Helen Haidee	F	1	Emanuel Varvouletos	Tilda Fournier		Cook	Tartar, Greece	Bennington
July 5	Carmelo	M	4	Joseph Cuddemi	Mungia Lotacona		Paper Mill	Italy	Italy
Aug. 4	Ruth May	F	1	Walter E. Wilson	Mary J. Knowles		Carpenter	Francestown	Bennington
June 23	Robert Joseph	M	4	Patrick J. Shea	Mary E. Quinn		Paper maker	So. Hadley, Mass.	Hancock
Aug. 23	John Herbert	M	4	J. Herbert Lindsay	Ora M. Wilson		Paper maker	Hancock	Francestown
Oct. 7	Ruth Evelyn	F	3	Harry Eli Smart	Lena May Rice		Paper Mill	Concord	Cambridge, Mass.
Aug. 18	Dorothy Agnes	F	5	Harry Walter Brown	Mary Agnes Richards		Engineer Asst.	Bennington	Orange, Mass.
Nov. 21	Charles Edmund	M	2	George B. Griswold	Marion Louise Shea		Paper Mill	Bennington	Hancock
Dec. 18	John F.	M	9	William F. Harrington	Francis M. Lake		Farmer	Roxbury, Mass.	St. Johns, N. F.

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1920

Date and Place of marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years	Occupat'n of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Jan. 1	William J. Knowles	Bennington	32	Tel. operat'r	Neenah, Wis.	Robert Knowles Mary Duncan	Aberdeen, Scot.	Foreman	George F. Patterson Concord
Concord	Grace N. Lewellyn	Rockland Mass	29	Stenog'r	Rockland Mass	Wm. S. Lewellyn Annie G. Hunt	Aberdeen, Scot.	Housewife	Clergyman
Jan 10	Walter E. Wilson	Franeestown	22	Carpenter	Franeestown	Elmer E. Wilson Jennie M Sweetser	Rockland, Mass.	Salesman	George F. Patterson Concord
Concord	Mary J. Knowles	Bennington	28	Clerk	Bennington	Robert Knowles Mary Duncan	Antrim	Laborer	Clergyman
Mar. 13	Phineas John Adams	Bennington	21	Student	Boston, Mass.	Katherine Moran Benjamin Alexander	Aberdeen, Scot.	Domestic	
Brattleboro, Vt	Rose A. Goodnow	Brattleboro, Vt	22		Gardner, Mass	Olive Columbia	Aberdeen, Scot.	Housewife	Carl S. Hopkins Brattleboro, Vt.
Aug. 14	Rupen Eksergian	Philadelphia	31	Consult Engr	Somerv'le Mass	Loe E. Servisse John D. Hagenbuch	Chel-sea, M'ss.		Justice of the Peace
Bennington	Maydell Hagenbuch	Philadelphia	17	At home	Bethlehem, Pa	Ignatius Fukal Ida Sommer	Northfield, Mass.	Portrait ptr	Wilton E. Cross Peterboro
Aug. 7	Alfred Francis Fukal	Philadelphia	26	Mech Engr	Chechoslovakia	Loe E. Servisse John D. Hagenbuch	Constantinople	At home	Minister
Bennington	Nectar M. Eksergian	Bennington	26	Govt Emp	Somerv'le Mass	William Dubois Adelaide Morrill	England	Steel official	Wilton E. Cross Peterboro
Sept. 2	Benjamin J. Dubois	Bennington	28	Sectionwork	No Hatley, Que	Loe E. Servisse John D. Hagenbuch	Austria	Merchant	Minister
East Jaffrey	Myra L. Bean	Bennington	35	Housekeep'r	Penaeook	Phoebe Crouther	Constantinople	Portrait ptr.	Rev. M. L. Cutter East Jaffrey
							England	At home	Unitarian Clergyman
							No. Hatley, Que.	Miner	
							No. Hatley, Que.	Housekeep'r	
							Fisherville	Clerk	
							Fisherville	Housework	

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1920

Date of death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.	M. W. D.		Occupation.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth		Place of Death
		Years.	Months.								Father	Mother	
Jan. 1	Alfred Francis Knight	79	4	Marlow	M	W		Farmer	Nathaniel Knight	Zilpha Miller	Marlow	Marlow	Bennington
Jan. 28	Charles Austin Streeter	64	9	Canterbury	M	W		Millwright	Ralph Streeter	Caroline Daley	Lisbon	Lisbon	Bennington
Feb. 23	Mary B. K. Smith	60	10	Ireland	F	M		Housewife			Ireland	Ireland	Bennington
Mar. 12	Stillman S. Dunn	84	21	Ireland	M	W		Retired	Levi Dunn	Betsy Spaulding			Bennington
Mar. 12	Patrick J. McGrath	55	17	Ireland	M	M		Paperm'r			Ireland	Ireland	Bennington
Apr. 17	Raymond V. Newton	47	3	Bennington	M	S		Housewife	Wilford J. Newton	Hazel C. Ryder	Bennington	Pawtucket, R.I.	Bennington
Apr. 17	Caroline E. F. Edwards	36	15	Milton, Mass.	F	M		Housewife	Henry Harrison	Ellen Cleary	Germany	Germany	Bennington
Apr. 29	Charles N. Harrison	70	6	Bennington	M	S		Metallpol'r	Joel Smith		Pittsburgh, Pa.	Brattleboro, Vt.	Bennington
May 24	Orrison Guile Smith	70	2	New York	M	W		None	Daniel Bushfield	Mary	New York	New York	Bennington
Jan. 7	Anna Bushfield	66	8	Canada	F	S		Housekp'r					Goffstown
Jan. 6	Anna Lucier Labier	46	26	Hancock	F	M		Housewife	Ira Dodge	Hannah Hunt	New Boston	Hancock	Nashua
Sept. 23	Edward Ira Dodge	75	10	Hancock	M	M		Carpenter					Bennington
Sept. 23	Belle Hibbard	55	12		F	M							Worcester, Mass.
June 28	William H. Harrison	39	3	Antrim	M	W		None	Harrison Holmes	Charity M. Burt	Bennington	Bennington	West Haven, Conn.
Oct. 12	Frances Susan Lawrence	76	3	Antrim	F	W		Paperm'r	Christus Fellos	Ellen Ligatsica	Greece	Greece	Bennington
Oct. 17	Mike Christon Fellos	47	11	Greece	M	S							Antrim
Nov. 20	Mary Anna Gilman	73	11	Bennington	F	M		Farmer	Emerson Favor	Elmira Sleeper	Bennington	Bennington	Bennington
Nov. 20	James E. Favor	73	11	Boston, Mass.	M	W		Millwork'r	Richard Bishop	Mary Flynn	Ireland	Francestown	Concord
Nov. 30	Ellen A. Bishop	63	12	Boston, Mass.	F	S							

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

ARTHUR F. BELL, Town Clerk













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